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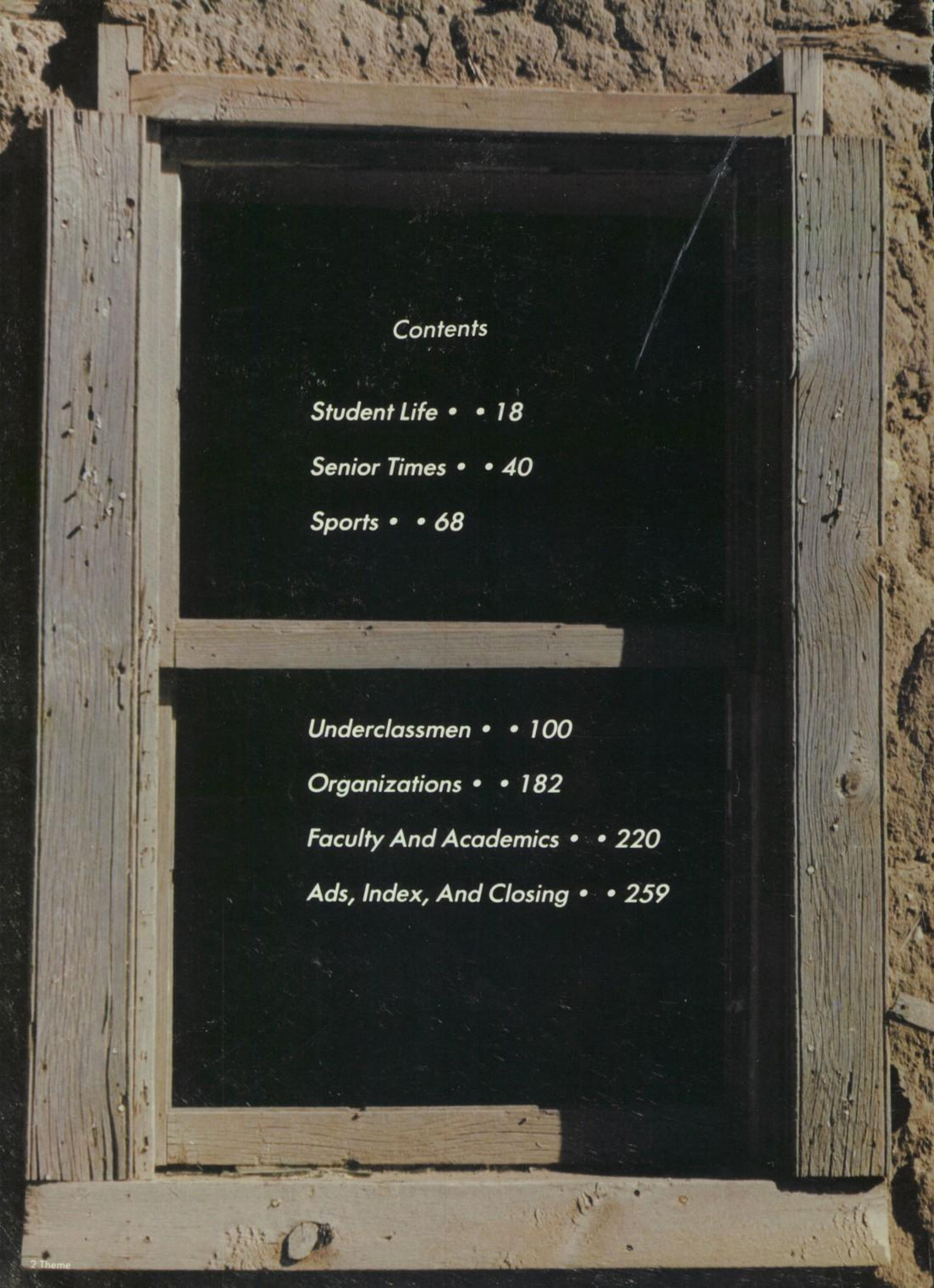
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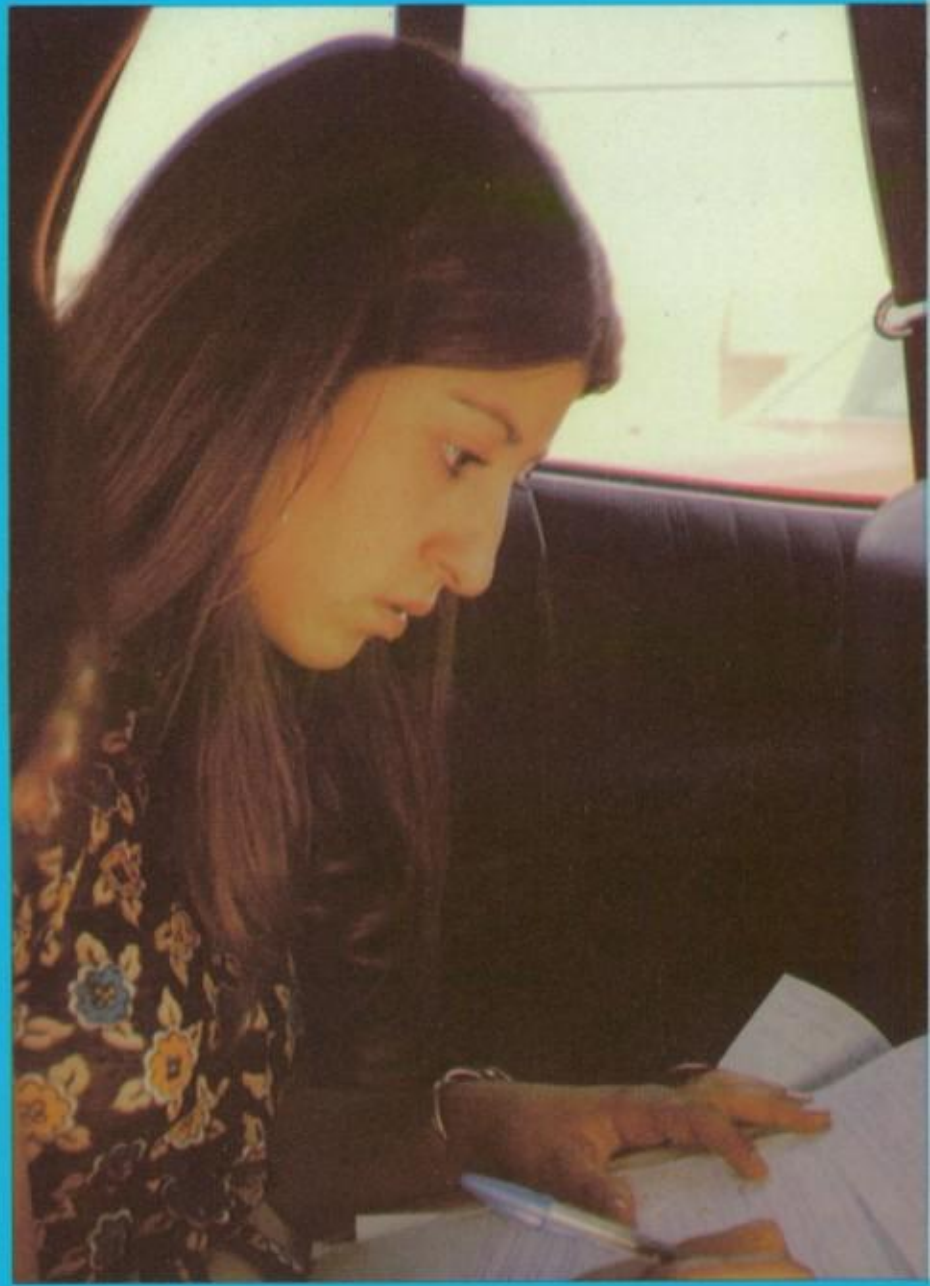
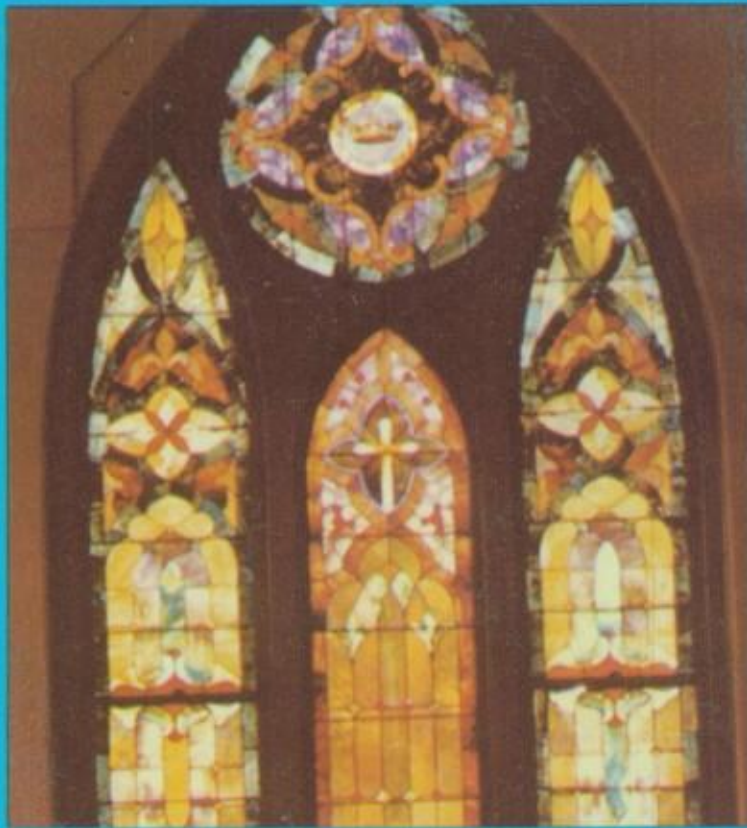
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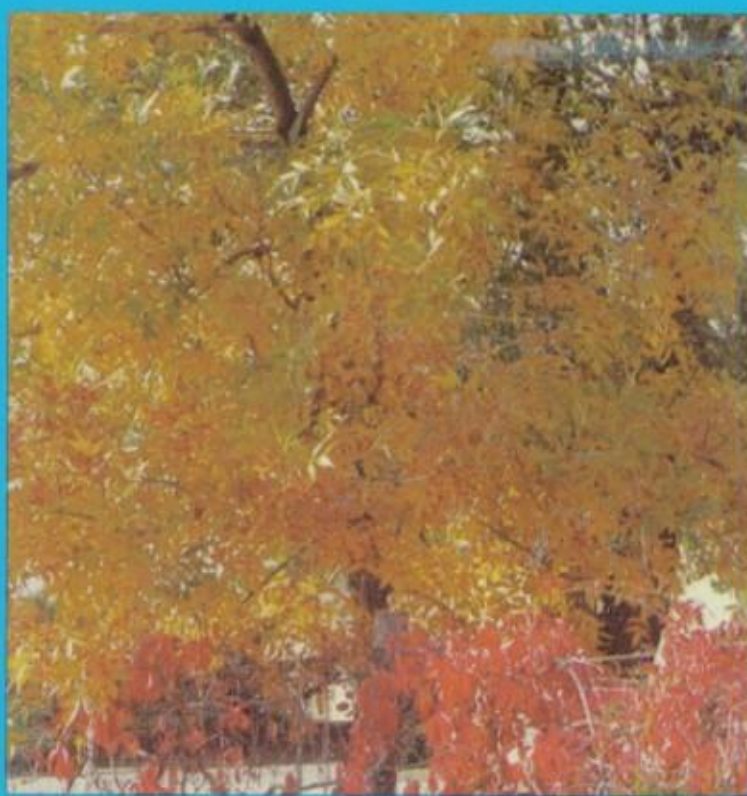
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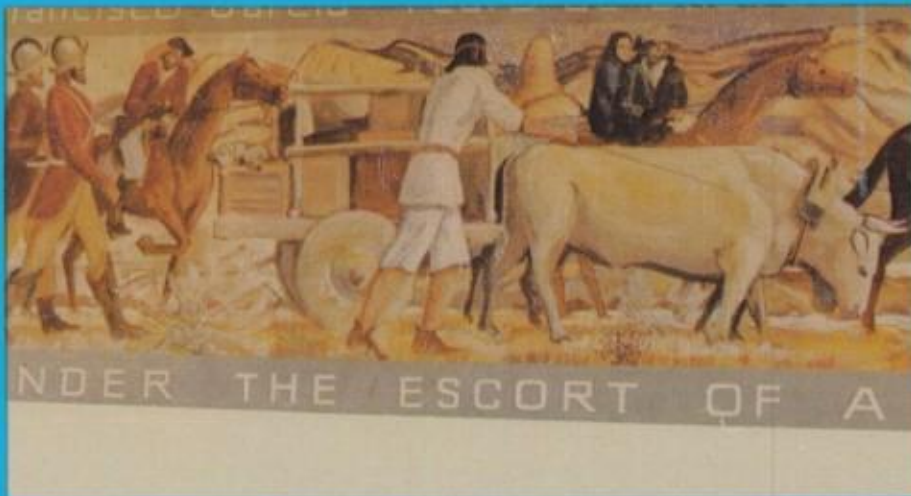
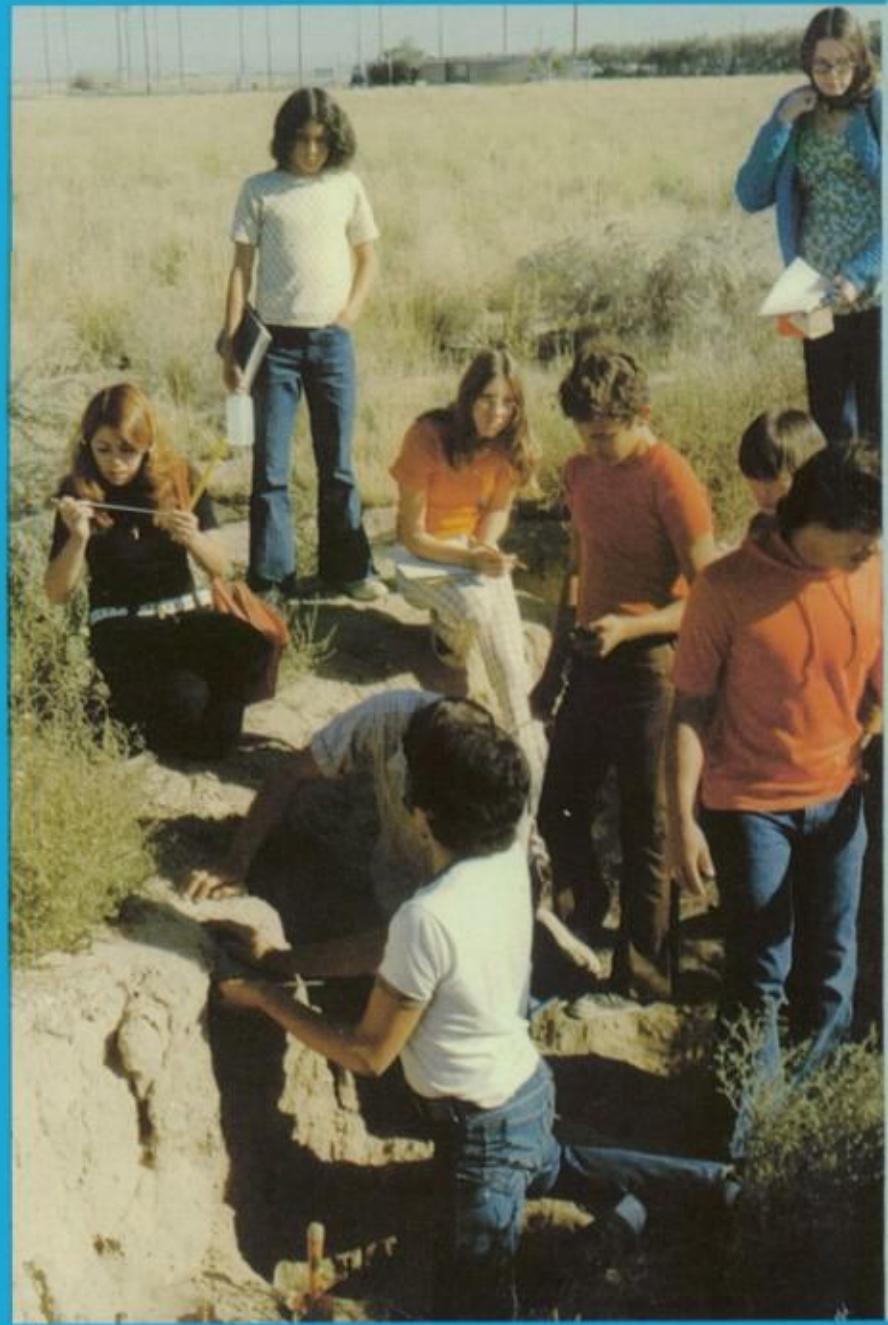


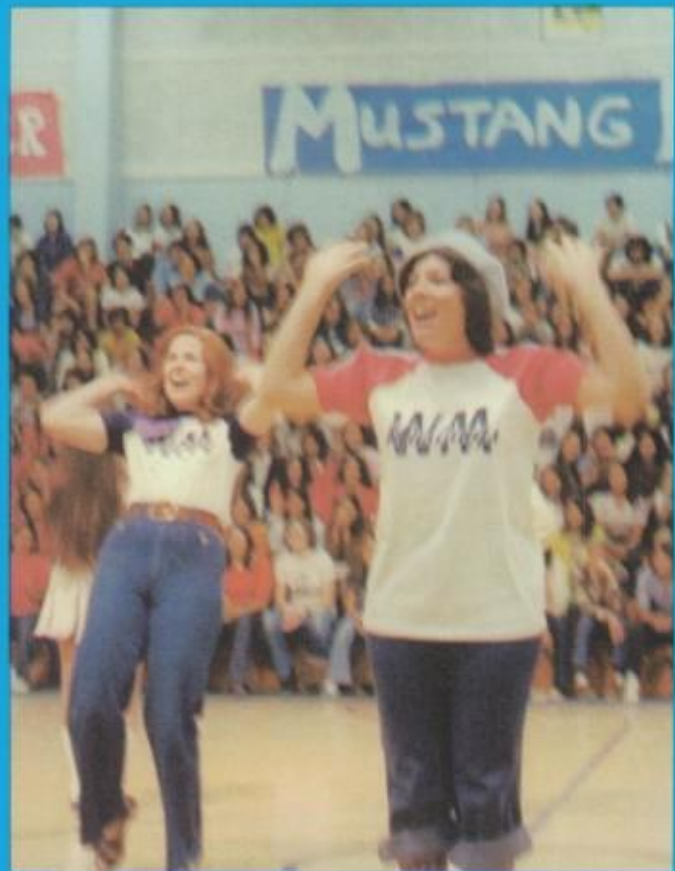
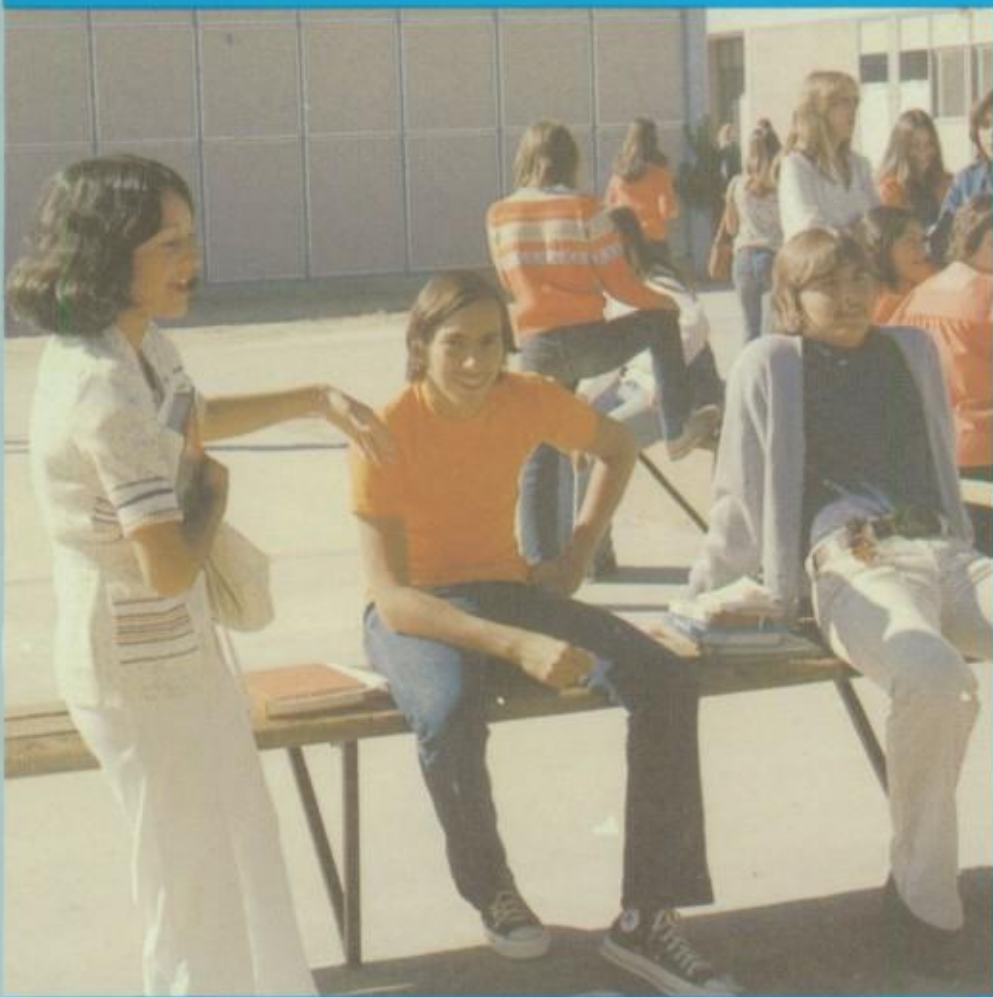
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and colored
glass for light
and looking.*





and doors





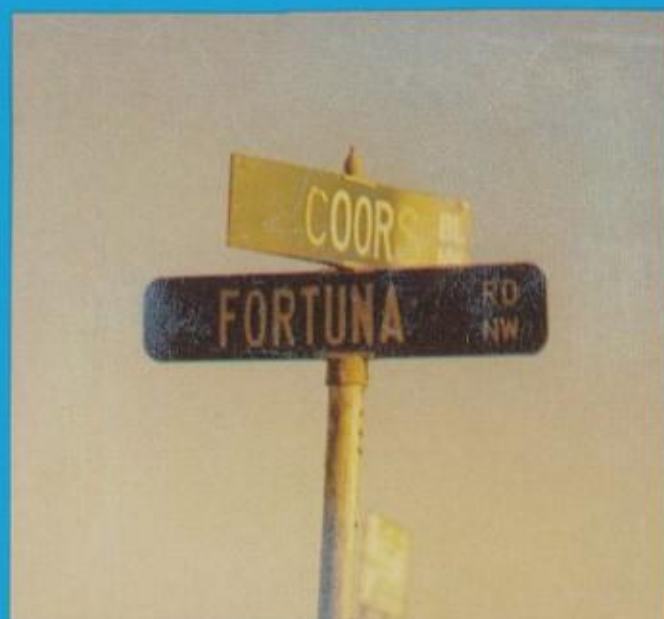
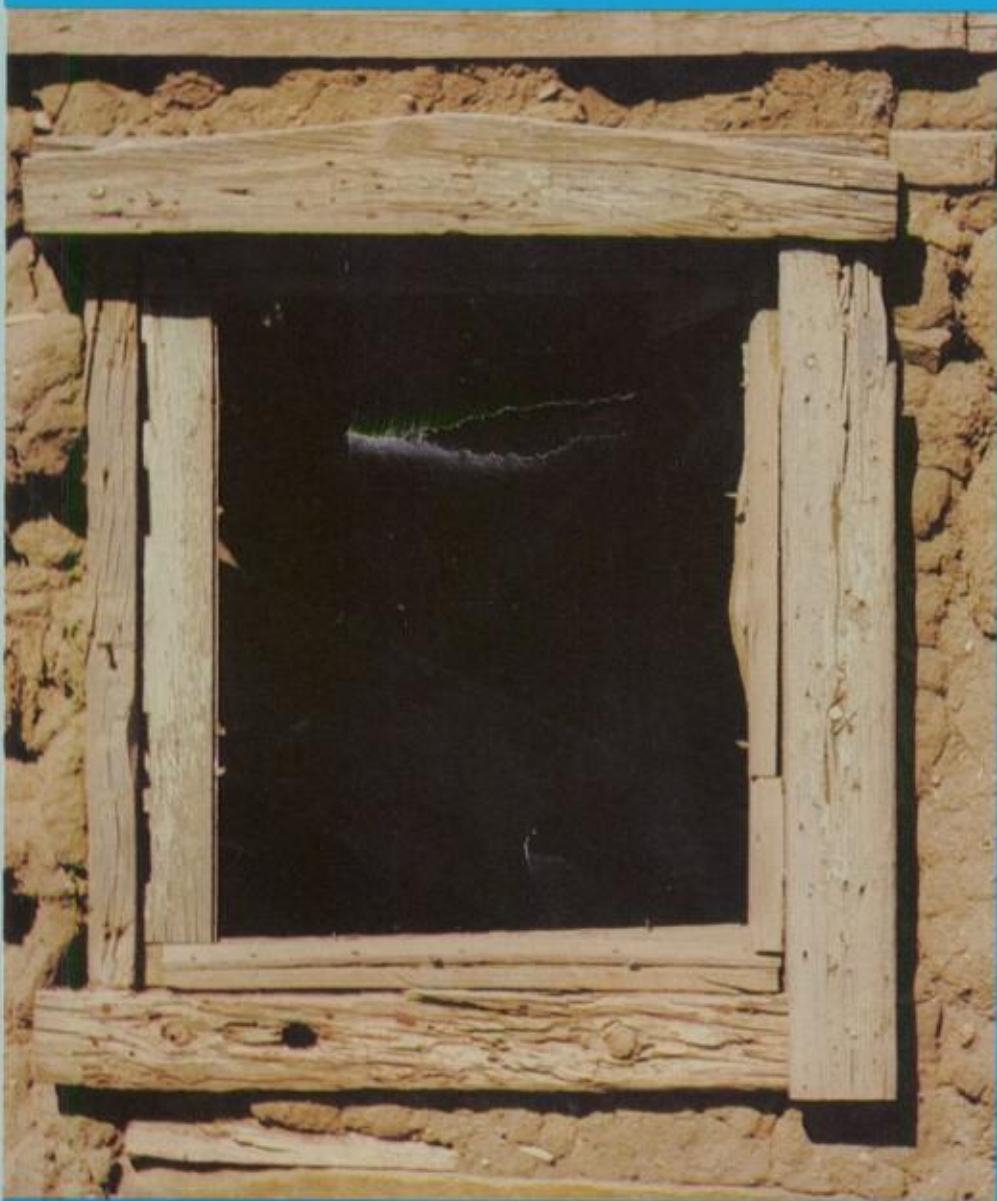
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*with
more than
one way out*







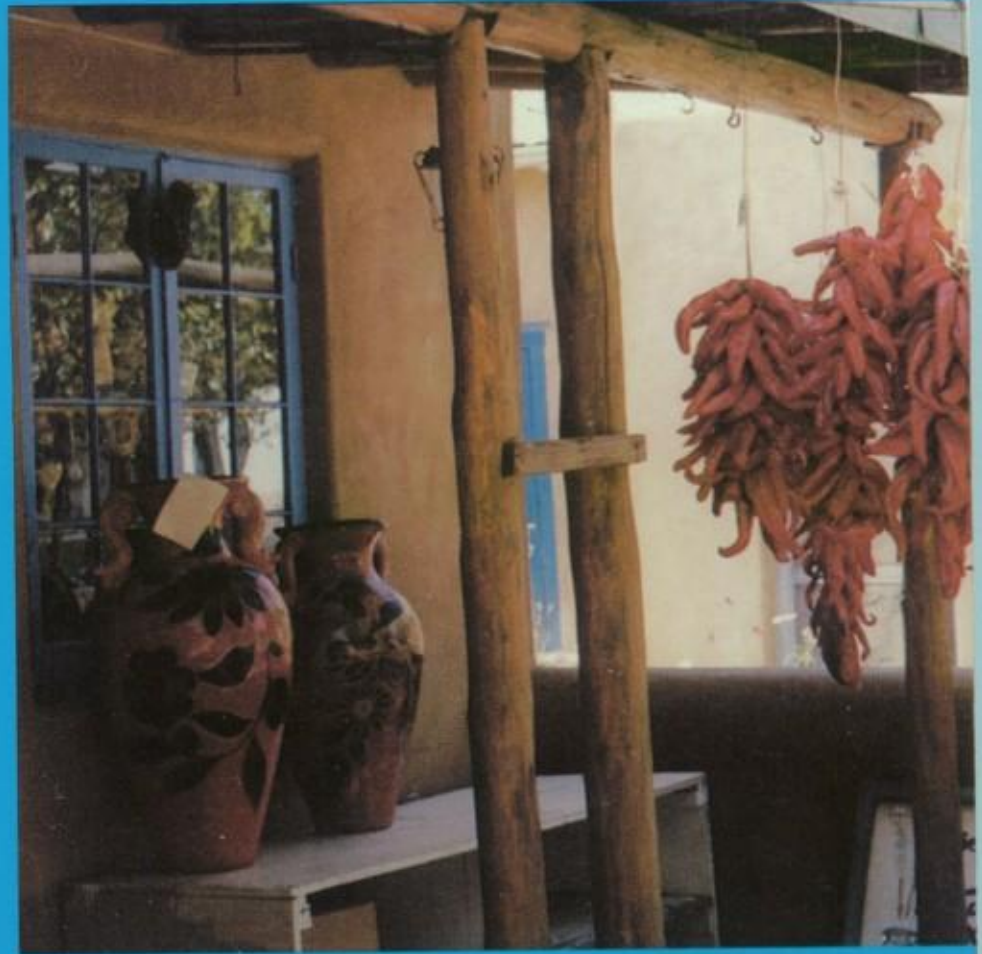
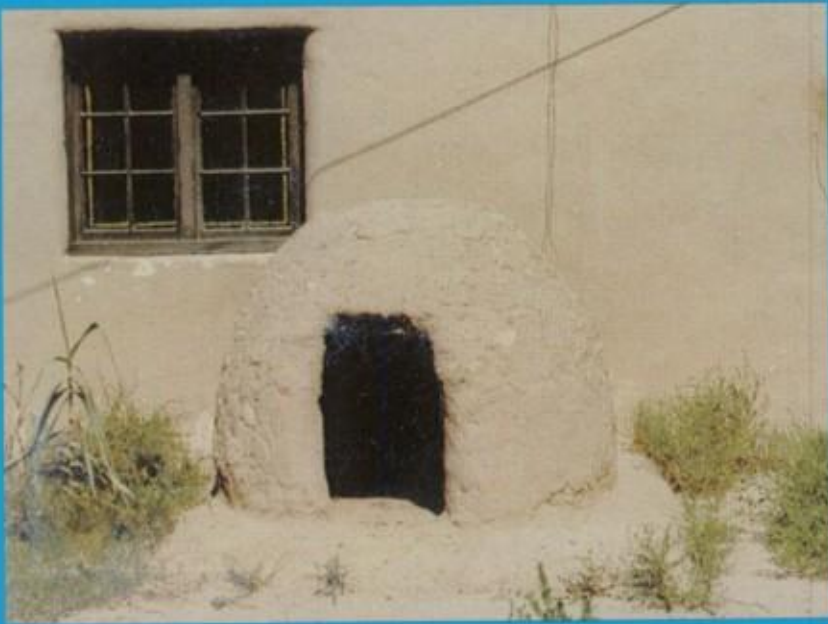


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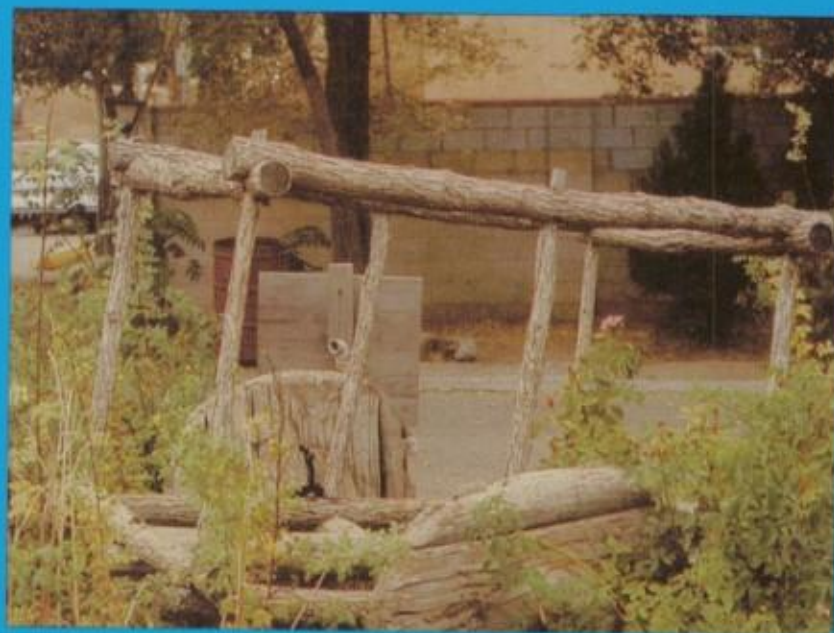
*with outward views
reflecting*







come visions old and new.





*to admit
the beauty and hope
of tomorrow*

*through memories
and dreams of yesterday*

'76 El Chicote Dedicated To Mrs. Julie Gabaldón

"Hay en esta mujer una gran sinceridad. No hay mas que verla para creerlo así. Todo en ella es perfecto: su figura, su andar, su carácter, su dulzura, en fin no sé que decirle."

Juan Valera from *Pepita Jimenez*



Brighter than the lights on Broadway; more energy than the Bionic Woman; able to leap tall sombreros in a single bound; Mrs. Julie Gabaldon is a true wonder-woman!

"Mrs. G.," as her students call her, is not only a very enthusiastic Spanish teacher but also is the sponsor of one of West Mesa High School's largest and most popular clubs, "Los Estudiantes Unidos." This is a multi-purpose organization involving close to 100 students with the preservation of hispanic culture, language, and traditions as its goal.

Mrs. Gabaldón has a talent for getting students interested in school through participating in assemblies, involving themselves in club-community activities and by her bringing local celebrities and entertainers right to the campus. Through Mrs. Gabaldon's efforts, L.E.U. members recite proverbs on a local Spanish-language radio station, are represented regularly in a newspaper feature, and meet local political figures, thus increasing their political awareness. "Así es Nuevo México," a bicultural assembly, was engineered and produced by Mrs. G., with Governor Apodaca and Mayor Kinney in attendance. Probably one of her greatest contributions is the establishment of an active scholarship fund for deserving college-bound L.E.U. members.

Thanks, Mrs. G. Without you, many students would be uninvolved and bored. You have truly been an asset to Mustang City. So, the members of the El Chicote staff feel very lucky to have someone as special as Julie Gabaldón, to whom we may dedicate our book.



***STUDENT
LIFE***



. . . And There Will Be Windows

1. Adrian Morales, a very enthusiastic Mustang drummer, pounds a victory beat. 2. Lori Baca and Rosanna Miranda see the sights of the New Mexico State Fair with a tall friend. 3. Sandy Boles tries a few of the games at the fair. 4. Mustang determination is expressed by cross country runners Phillip Casias and Anthony Sierra. 5. Geri Paiz is pretty sure her dime's in the dish. 6. Three very sick girls step off the "Zipper." 7. Disk Jockey Anna Lujan asks a lost soul if she has the magic letters "WMHS." 8. Freshmen are found anywhere and everywhere.





Autumn

The fall months of 75-76 had a variety of activities for students to attend. Football was the big news in September and October. Mustang spirits were always high, win or lose. On October 22, Mustang Day was celebrated for the tenth time in our school's history. A very excited Judith Sisneros reigned over the assembly and victorious game against Albuquerque High School. On Saturday night over 300 students danced to the music of "Curiosity" at the Plaza Hotel.

Los Estudiantes Unidos put together a very special Bicentennial Spanish Heritage Assembly, "Así Es Nuevo Mexico," with dancing from L.E.U. members, Chaparral Elementary School students, and the Native American Image Indian dancers. Present at the assembly were honored guests Governor Apodaca and Mayor Kinney.

The autumn activity season was crowned by the Drama Department production of "Blythe Spirit" on November 13, 14, and 15, presented to capacity crowds.

Homecoming, "Así Es Nuevo Mexico," and "Blythe Spirit": these were only a few of the autumn activities enjoyed at West Mesa High School.



1. Governor Jerry Apodaca, L.E.U. sponsor Mrs. Julie Gabaldón, and Mayor Harry Kinney chuckle at a skit during the Spanish Heritage assembly. 2. Tiny Morrie Sanchez sings "Lonely Letters" to over 2,000 students and guests. 3. Charles Condomine's late wife comes to haunt his present wife Ruth in "Blythe Spirit." 4. A happy Dinah Atencio walks into the assembly on Mustang Day. (For further Homecoming coverage, turn to page 32.) 5. Al Hurricane Sanchez picks and grins for the Mustangs. 6. Gina Sanchez successfully sells a West Mesa Mustang T-shirt. 7. Becky Delgado finishes voting for her choice for Freshman class officers. 8. Mustang gridder floors his man.





*Acting, Voting, Selling,
All Part Of Fall
Activities At WMHS*



Winter Whirl

Smacking teachers in the face with whipped cream was only one of the many games and goodies offered to Mustangs at the Cheerleaders' Winter Carnival. The "Theatah Set" was entertained royally by four drama department productions and the annual Variety Show with talent ranging all the way from a nostalgic Laurel and Hardy act to a soulful modern dance.

The Christmas season saw Mustangs celebrating with a Christmas Dance, sponsored by the Staters' Club, DECA canned food drive, decorations everywhere, a gala faculty get-together, and lots of tobogganing over vacation.

Basketball excitement kept fans attending games with a highly rated team keeping things in a frenzy. Wrestling enthusiasts stayed happy with Coach Gallegos leading his matman in victorious meets.

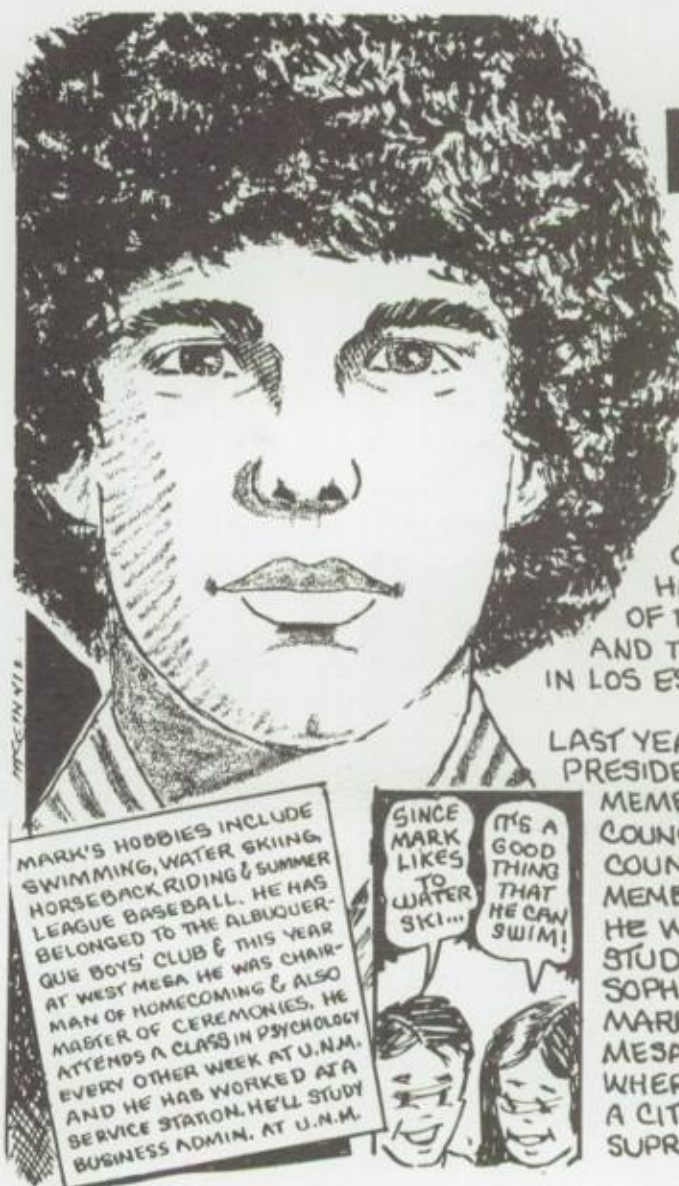
In February, the King and Queen of Hearts were crowned at the Valentine's Dance.

The morning announcements kept the P.A. system buzzing with news of club meetings, special contests, fund-raising activities, and special events of all types. Spring only promised to be even more busy!





1. **MUSTANG PRIDE:** Lee Ann Kirkpatrick, 1975-76 Pow Wow Princess. 2. Mustang dribbler Ralph Garcia shoots for two against the Del Norte Knights. 3. Varsity Cheerleader Doris Garcia is busy entertaining other cheerleaders of the Albuquerque high schools at their Valentine's Day Party. 4. **MUSTANG PRIDE:** Rulers of the Valentine's Day Festivities John Gamble and Cindy Gonzales, King and Queen of Hearts.



MARK BLEA



17-YR.-OLD MARK IS A SENIOR AT WEST MESA HIGH, WHERE HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR CLASS AND SPORTS EDITOR OF THE YEARBOOK. HE IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE STATORS' CLUB AND THIS IS HIS SECOND YEAR IN LOS ESTUDIANTES UNIDOS.

LAST YEAR MARK WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF HIS CLASS, A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AND THE SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND A STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEARBOOK. HE WAS ALSO ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL AS A SOPHOMORE. LAST SUMMER MARK REPRESENTED WEST MESA HIGH AT BOYS' STATE WHERE HE WAS ELECTED A CITY COUNCILMAN & A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.

MARK'S HOBBIES INCLUDE SWIMMING, WATER SKIING, HORSEBACK RIDING & SUMMER LEAGUE BASEBALL. HE HAS BELONGED TO THE ALBUQUERQUE BOYS' CLUB & THIS YEAR AT WEST MESA HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF HOMECOMING & ALSO MASTER OF CEREMONIES. HE ATTENDS A CLASS IN PSYCHOLOGY EVERY OTHER WEEK AT U.N.M. AND HE HAS WORKED AT A SERVICE STATION. HE'LL STUDY BUSINESS ADMIN. AT U.N.M.



WINTER



WINTER



1. A Mustang grappler makes his move over his Cibola opponent. 2. Santa Claus visits Granma and Granpa Garcia at Christmas. 3. *MUSTANG PRIDE*: Quintin Stephens, recipient of the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award. 4. Mr. Prokopiak is even better with whipped cream. 5. Edwina Taylor and Christa Garcia — two dancers in the 1976 Variety Show. 6. *MUSTANG PRIDE*: Dodie Chavez, recipient of the Rodey Theater High School Drama Award. 7. *MUSTANG PRIDE*: Alice Jones and Mitch Ortiz, winners of Good Citizen Awards given by the Albuquerque Optimist Club.

Quintin, Dodie, Mitch, Alice Named To Honors At WMHS



Spring

Spring has been one of the busiest seasons of the entire year. All the activities have been successful because everyone involved gave special effort.

The bloodmobile visited our school and received a large response from West Mesa High School students. The NJROTC held their annual Military Ball. And, as always, it was elegant and memorable. The Drama Department culminated their gigantic efforts with an Easter-time trip to New York City by active Thespians. One of their most delightful plays was "Campus Brides," enjoyed by students who had the opportunity to "check-it-out."

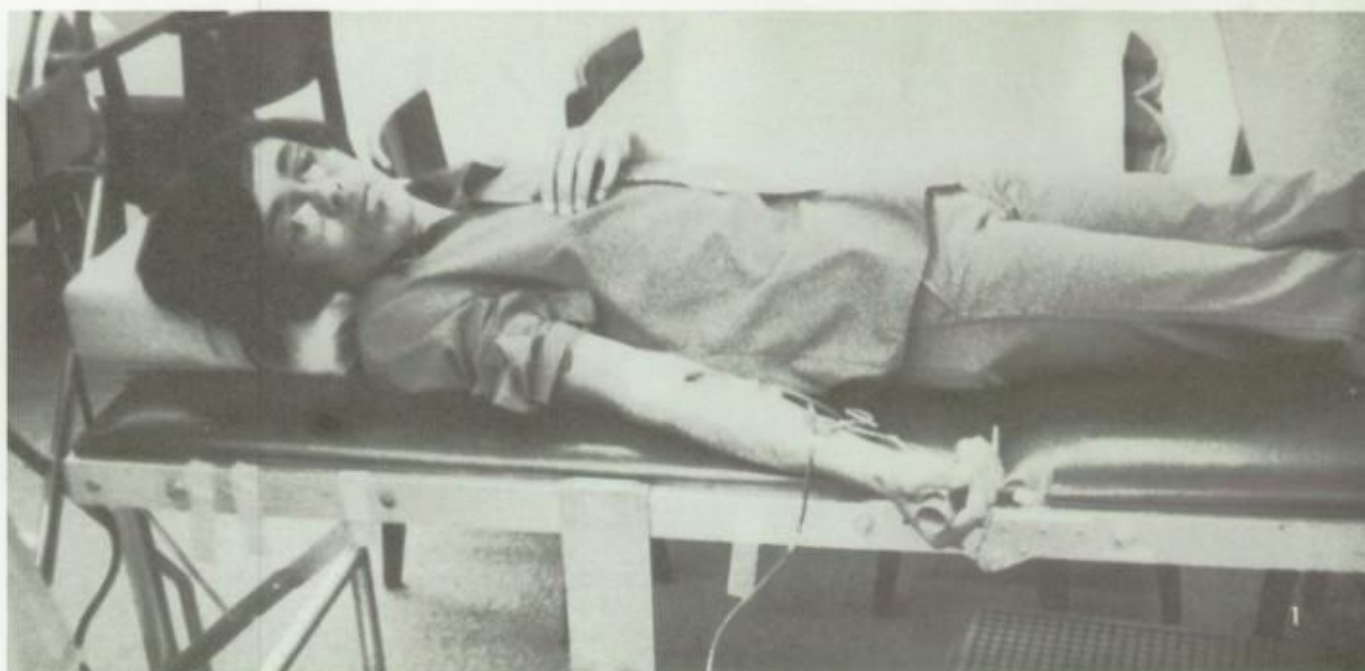
Two days were set aside for remembering the "good ole days." One of these was called Sadie Hawkins Day. Everyone participated by dressing like hillbillies: wearing straw hats, patches, freckles, pigtails, etc. When the "good ole days" are mentioned, one instantly thinks of the 50's. Well, West Mesa High School wouldn't and couldn't miss such a fun occasion as the never-to-be forgotten Nostalgia Day. An overwhelming number of guys came to school with slicked-back hair, leather jackets, chains, and sunglasses. The girls, not to be outdone came in with bobby socks, pony tails, petticoats, and juicy dark red lips.

Seniors suddenly began drifting away as thoughts of the prom, Senior Week and graduation came to mind. "This place sure is quiet without those seniors," was the comment heard as the rest of the student body plugged through exams and end-of-the-year clean up. A synopsis of spring activities wouldn't be complete, however, without mentioning the Faculty Follies, brainchild of the freshman class and Ms. Lefton. The faculty again outdid themselves in playing the fool and buffoon as they cavorted for the incredulous students. Proceeds from this fund-raiser and many others are going to the patio landscaping fund, a goal of every West Mesa High school student who has lingered outside, longing to lounge in the shade of a tree, or stretch out on the green, green grass.

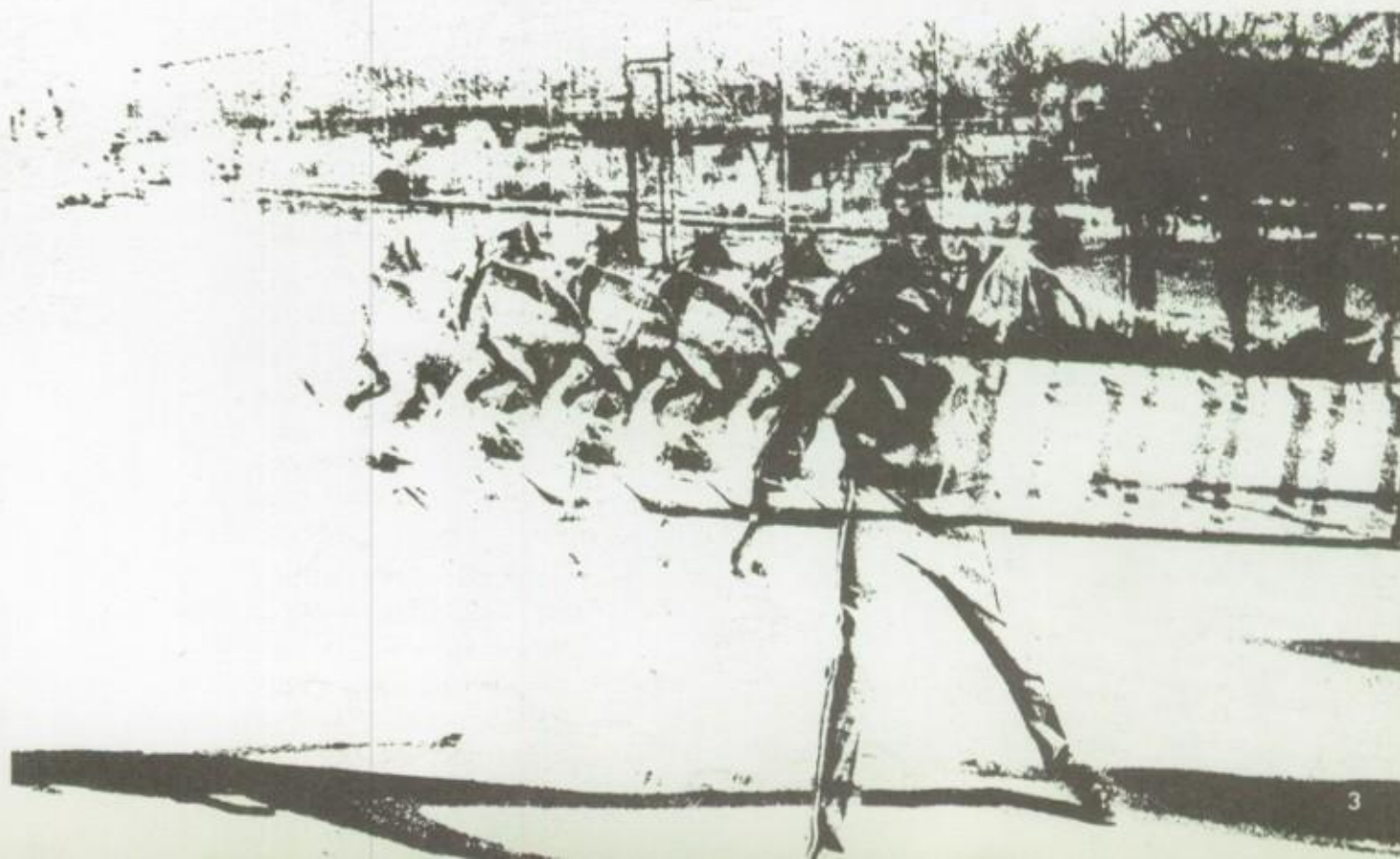




1. Gabe Jaramillo and Alberta Harrison show students the latest fashions from 1st street. 2. Freshman English teacher Linda Lefton is a believer in the gift of life. 3. Look sharp! Here it comes . . . maybe. 4. Head Varsity cheerleader shows her spirit by getting on the "Good-foot." 5. *MUSTANG PRIDE*: Military Ball Queen Grace Romero. 6. Bill "the Fonz" Reid dazzles his many fans in honor of Nostalgia Day.



1. Robert Chavez gives blood with a little reluctance. 2. Freshman jitterbuggers get in a little practice before the Nostalgia Dance. 3. *Varsity tennis*: Study in motion. 4. "Ma" Judy Love and "Pa" Robert Salazar were two of many Sadie Hawkins Day participants. 5. Old Lady Lefton shows how teachers used to handle 50's "hoods" in class. 6. Mr. Reid gets in the spirit of Faculty Follies.





Salute to Albuquerque TEENAGERS!

THERESE HOLGUIN



18-YR-OLD THERESE IS A SENIOR AT WEST MESA HIGH, WHERE SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE STUDENT SENATE & THE NAT'L HONOR SOCIETY. SHE ALSO BELONGS TO THE STATERS' CLUB, HAVING REPRESENTED WEST MESA LAST SUMMER AT GIRLS' STATE, WHERE SHE WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF HER CITY.

ACTIVE IN ATHLETICS, THERESE IS A 4-YEAR MEMBER OF THE GIRLS' SPORTS CLUB AND IS IN HER SECOND TERM AS VICE PRESIDENT. SHE HAS LETTERED IN VOLLEY BALL FOR 4 YEARS, SERVING AS TEAM CAPTAIN THIS YEAR, AND IN BASKETBALL THE PAST TWO YEARS. SHE ALSO LETTERED IN BOTH SOFTBALL AND TRACK LAST YEAR. SHE PLAYED 3RD BASE IN SOFTBALL AND THREW THE DISCUS IN TRACK.

THERESE'S HOBBIES INCLUDE SWIMMING, TENNIS, HIKING, BIKE RIDING & WRITING POETRY. SHE'S IN "WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS" AND SHE WAS "MUSTANG OF THE MONTH" THIS YEAR. SHE WAS ALSO NAMED TO THE ALL-DISTRICT & ALL-REGIONAL VOLLEY BALL TEAMS. THERESE HAS WORKED AS A FEDERAL CLERK, A MOVIE THEATRE CASHIER, A COMMISSARY STOCK CLERK & A RECEPTIONIST. SHE PLANS TO GO INTO MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY AFTER ATTENDING N.M. STATE UNIV.

THERESE WAS NAMED "OUTSTANDING SOFTBALL PLAYER" LAST YEAR

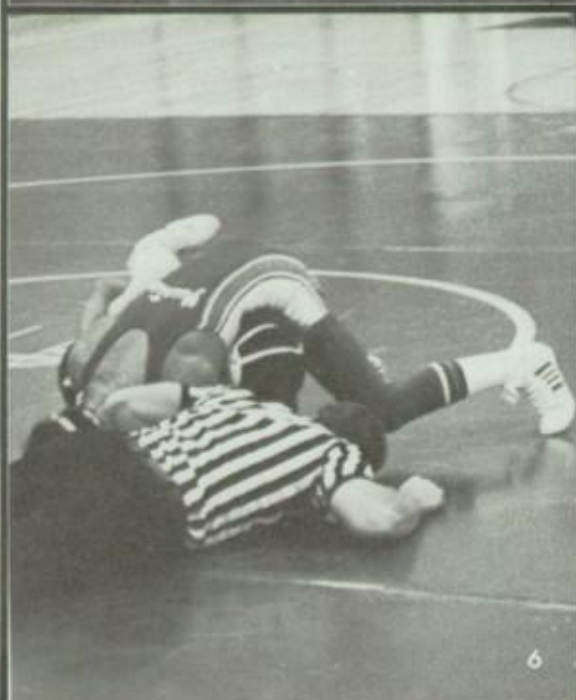
SHE THINKS IF IT'S WORTH DOING...

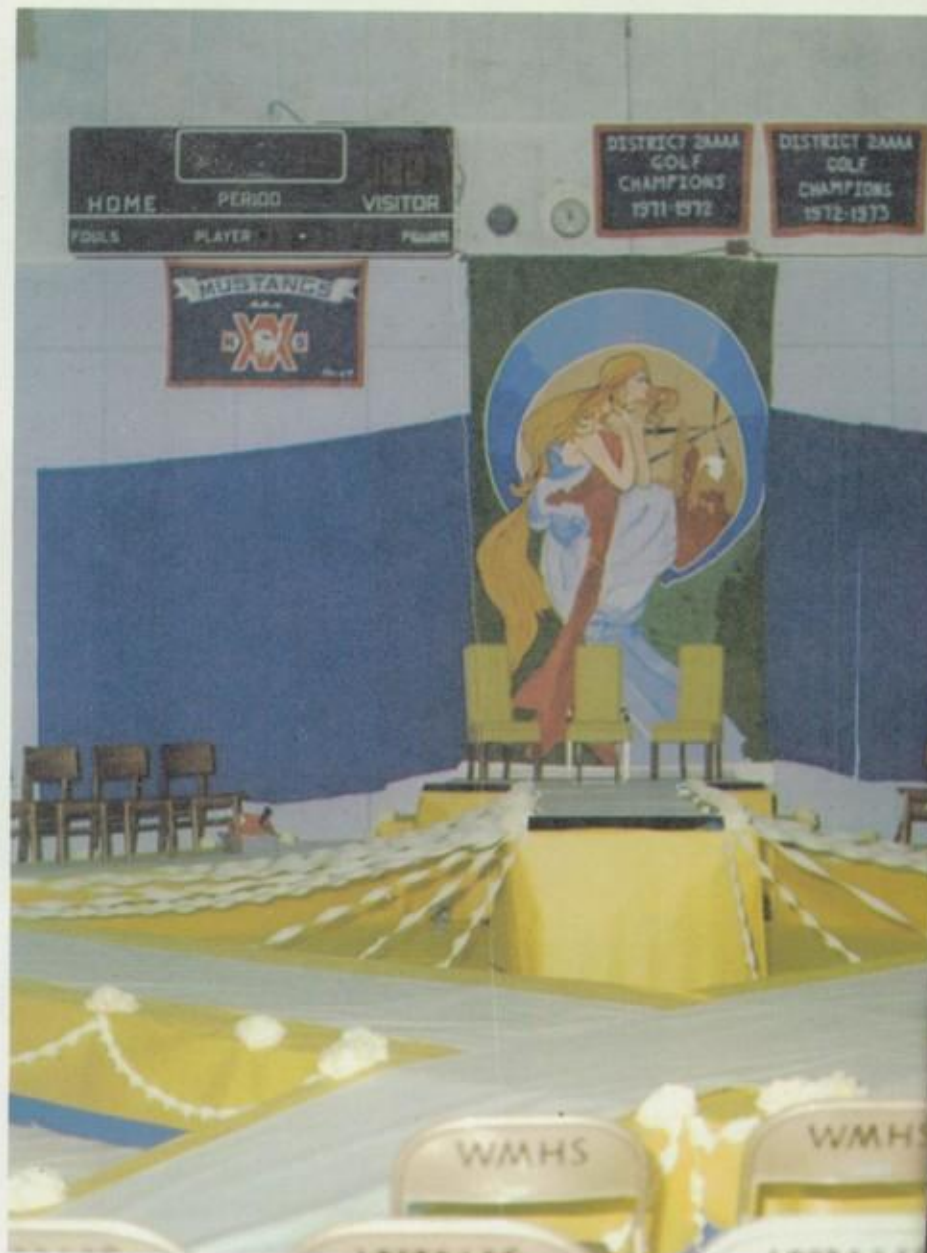
IT'S WORTH DOING RIGHT!





1. Varsity Cross Country runner James Baca runs strong and hard for West Mesa High School. 2. "Well, all I can say is, 'l'que sera sera!'" 3. Francis Mata moves the ball so fast it's just a blur. 4. Mrs. Helen Reilly displays her new son Mark. 5. "Blithe Spirit" cast rehearses. 6. Mustangs are always on top! 7. How do those girls stay so slim? Look at them eat!





On The Threshold Of A Dream

Mustang Day, 1975 will always be a memorable time for all for Queen Judith Sisneros, who was escorted by Billy Lucero, Margaret Sena and Alice M. Jones, whose escorts were Jo Romero respectively.

Margaret Aragon and Mark Blea inspired the assembly as co-nies.

The Homecoming activities began with the noon-day assembly. The court, princesses, and queen were announced to the breathless crowd. Gifts and honors were showered upon them.

Friday night our Mustang gridmen proved that we were better than the Albuquerque High School Bulldogs with a victory score of 21-0.

The following evening the Mustangs danced to the music of a well-organized Homecoming dance which was held at the Hotel Albuquerque.

Mustang Day committee members were Anita Armijo, Jamie Judy Bourguet, DeWayne Gongales, Kelly Smith, Phil Lucero, and Gallegos. Special thanks to Mr. Thomassen.



Queen Judith Sisneros





First Princess Margaret Sena



Second Princess Alice M. Jones



Left facing page: 1. Queen Judith is crowned and caped by Varsity Cheerleaders, while Senior Class Secretary Peggy Muller prepares to give Judith her roses. 2. Head custodian Rudy Mora presents Judith with her royal broom. 3. Billy Lucero escorts Queen Judith out of the gym.

Mustang Day 1975



1. The Mustang Day stage slowly begins to take shape.
2. DeWayne Gonzales is busy working out details for the assembly program.
3. Cheerleaders' poster captures Mustang feelings about the Homecoming game against the Albuquerque High School Bulldogs.
4. Candidate Becky Pacheco wants to make her opinions perfectly clear.
5. Lady Sylvia Garcia is busy campaigning for queen.



Facing Page:

1. 1974 Mustang Day Queen Theresa Sandoval awaits the name of her successor. 2. A dream completed . . . 3. Phil "Van Gogh" Lucero's dream lady begins to materialize. 4. The West Mesa High School Symphonic Band plays loud and clear for Mustang Day Court. 5. Staters are just one of the many clubs wishing the Mustangs good luck!



This Page:

1. A Mustang always gets his man, in this case a Bulldog. 2. Queen Judith boogies on . . . 3. Second Princess Alice Jones admires her roses. 4. Fillies stand and cheer the Mustangs on to VICTORY! 5. El Chicote representative James Baca presents Queen Judith with her gift. 6. And the show begins, with M.C.'s Margaret Aragon and Mark Blea at the mike.





Lady Yolanda Gutierrez



Lady Becky Pacheco



Lady Sylvia Romero



Lady Donna Salazar



Lady Anna Thompson



Lady Lisa Tinker



Lady Dinah Atencio



Lady Regina Delgado



Lady Angelica Domenicali



Lady Leona Dunatchik



Lady Phyllis Garcia



Lady Sylvia Garcia

The Dream Becomes Reality

1. Mustang football player Jeff Weitzel runs in for many of Mustang touchdowns. 2. West Mesa High School Homecoming High Court circles the track of Milne Stadium at halftime. 3. Pat Griego and Anthony Gonzales pose for their Homecoming Dance portrait. 4. West Mesa High School students "get down!!!"





Mustang Fight Song

Go on, you Mustangs,
You will win if you will fight.
Go on, you Mustangs,
For the blue and red and white.

Fight! Fight!

Fight on, you Mustangs,
We're behind you all the way.
Go on, West Mesa Mustangs,
Fight to win today.



West Mesa High School Celebrates

West Mesa High School has been a landmark on the very edge of Albuquerque's western boundary for the past ten years. Although not really a "neighborhood school," it has served the surrounding community and points as far away as Rio Rancho, Volcano Cliffs, and Bridge Street.

Mr. Bob Evans, now North Area Director of Instruction for Secondary Schools, was West Mesa High School's first principal and held that position until Semester II, 1974, when our present principal, Mr. Bill Reid, filled that office.

Several faculty members on the West Mesa High School staff were students at the very school where they now teach during its first year of operation: Mr. Skip Vigil, Mr. Richard Dow, and Mr. Tony Gallegos. Special recognition is due to staff members who have served ten years: Mrs. Eutemia Garcia, Mrs. Sohela Erteza, Mr. Gilbert Davis, Mr. Octaviano Valdez, Mrs. Roberta Short, Mr. Fred Romero, Mr. Charles Ohler, Mr. Russell Bessom, Mrs. Juanita Lenk, and Mr. Rudy Mora.

Special photo (right) of West Mesa High School in an electrical storm taken by Photography II student David Wurst.

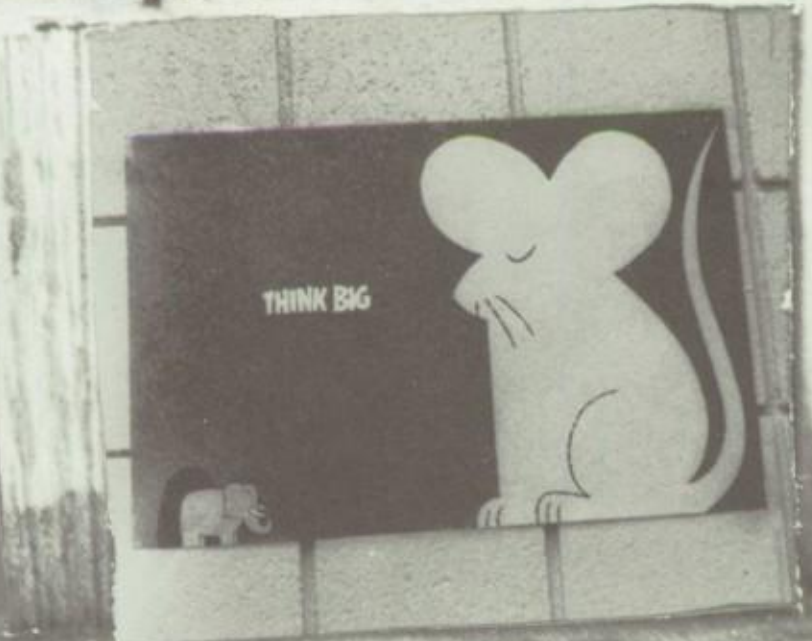


Ten Years Of Community Service

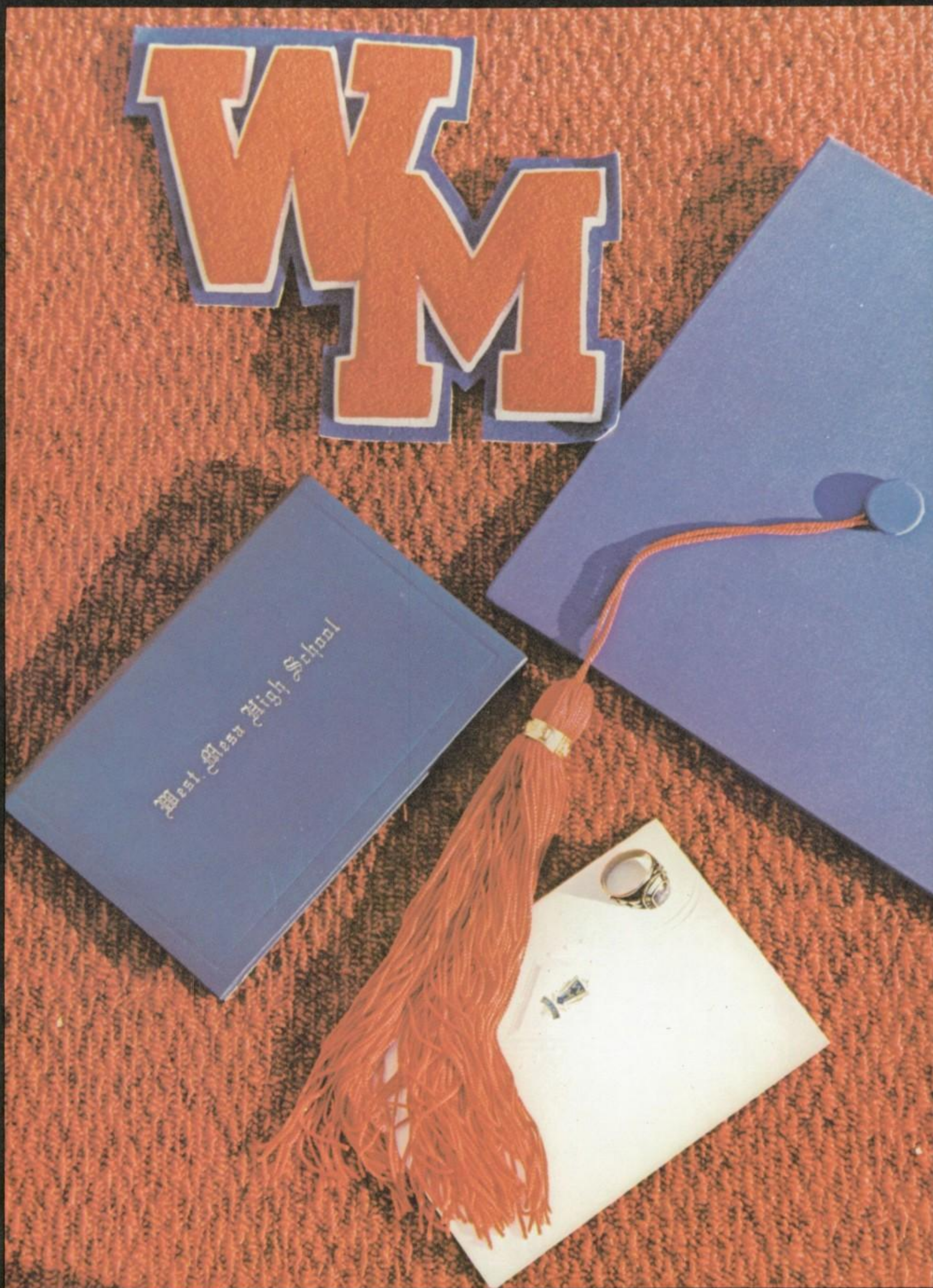


***SENIOR
TIMES***





. . . *And There Will Be Windows*





Class of 76

Reflections of what
was. A time for
looking back.





SENIOR TIMES 76



As the school year draws to an end, the future moves nearer for the graduates of 1976. After twelve years the seniors will go their separate ways toward their goals in life.

1. This year's Seniors were led by a group of officers who are, left to right: Mark Blea, President; John Gamble, Vice President; Peggy Muller, Secretary; and Audrey Barka, Treasurer. 2. Just because they're cheering for opposite sides doesn't mean the Sandia High School and West Mesa High School Cheerleaders can't be friends. 3. Carl Bonilla, Glen Pierce, and David Wurst rehearse one last time before the Homecoming assembly begins.





Dorothy
Alderete

Georgia
Almaraz

Debra
Ambrogi

Anthony
Anaya



Steven
Anderson

Abran
Apodaca

Carol
Aragon

David
Aragon



Julian
Aragon

Margaret
Aragon

Rose
Aragon

Susie
Aragon



Betty
Archunde

Michael
Arias

Delfinia
Atencio

Darcel
Atler



Raymond
Auerbach

Joe
Avery

Charles
Avent

Evaristo
Baca

James
Baca



Joseph A.
Baca



Rick
Baca



Terry
Baca



Veronica
Baca



Willie
Baca



Eugene
Baldini



Wilber
Ball



Berlinda
Barela



Frank E.
Barela



Ray
Barela



Audrie
Barka



Michelle
Barnett



Lillian
Baros



José Luna and John Luna secretly attend the homecoming dance with "older women," Debbie Perea and Yolanda Gutierrez.



Debbie Beazley
Julie Bermudez
June Bronson
Vickie Campbell

Arnold Begay
Mark Blea
Patricia Brown
Tony Cano

Pam Benifield
Carl Bonilla
Jeanne Cadley
Maria Cardenas

Debra Bennett
Judy Bourguet
Brian Caffery
Sandra Carrillo

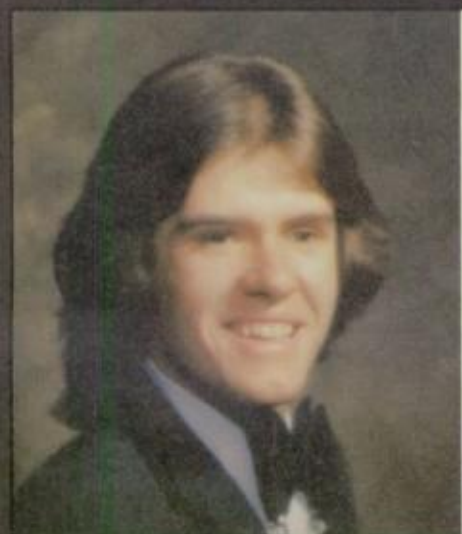


Carlos Casarez
Carmen Chavez
Greg Chavez
Lydia Chavez

John Castillo
Renata Chandler
Judy Chavez
Marian Chavez

Michael Castillo
Gail Chavez
Kenny Chavez
Theresa Chavez

Anita Chavez
Gloria Chavez
Lorraine Chavez
Trinidad Chavez



Jeffrey
Collins

Stacey
Collins

Becky
Cordova

Eugene
Cordova



Ramona
Cordova



Tina
Cordova

Senior girls take advantage of a short lunch hour to gossip a little.



Leonard
Corona



Cindy
Corriz



Marie
Cote



John R.
Crawford



Shirley L.
Crawford



Bill
Culler



Debbie
Davalos



Anthony
Delacruz



Carla Del Frate
Paul Dirusso
Howard Dow
Charles Edens

Regina Delgado
Angelica Domenicali
Leona Dunachik
Tony Encinias



Anna Lujan and Kelly Smith look over mums which they will wear during Mustang Day Assembly.



Theresa Duncan
Raymond Espinosa

Doug Duquette
Terri Fausett



Francisco Fejeran
Larry Follo
Gustavo Gallardo
John Gamble

Chris Flores
Debbie Foulk
Frank Gallegos
Anita Garcia

Michael Flores
Dorothy Gabaldon
Larry Gallegos
Danette Garcia

Paul Flores
Sharon Gabaldon
Patricia Gallegos
Crista Garcia

David
Garcia



Desi
Garcia



Doris
Garcia



Felix
Garcia



Lorraine
Garcia



Marlene
Garcia



Phyllis
Garcia



Ralph
Garcia



Sylvia
Garcia



Ronald
Garcia



Joseph
Garnard



Mary
Garza



David
Gavi



Leola
Giron



Kristine
Goers



Rosary
Gomez



Cindy
Gonzales



Dewayne
Gonzales



Hans
Gonzales



Jeanette
Gonzales





Ramona
Gonzales



Becky
Guerrero



David
Guillen



Francien
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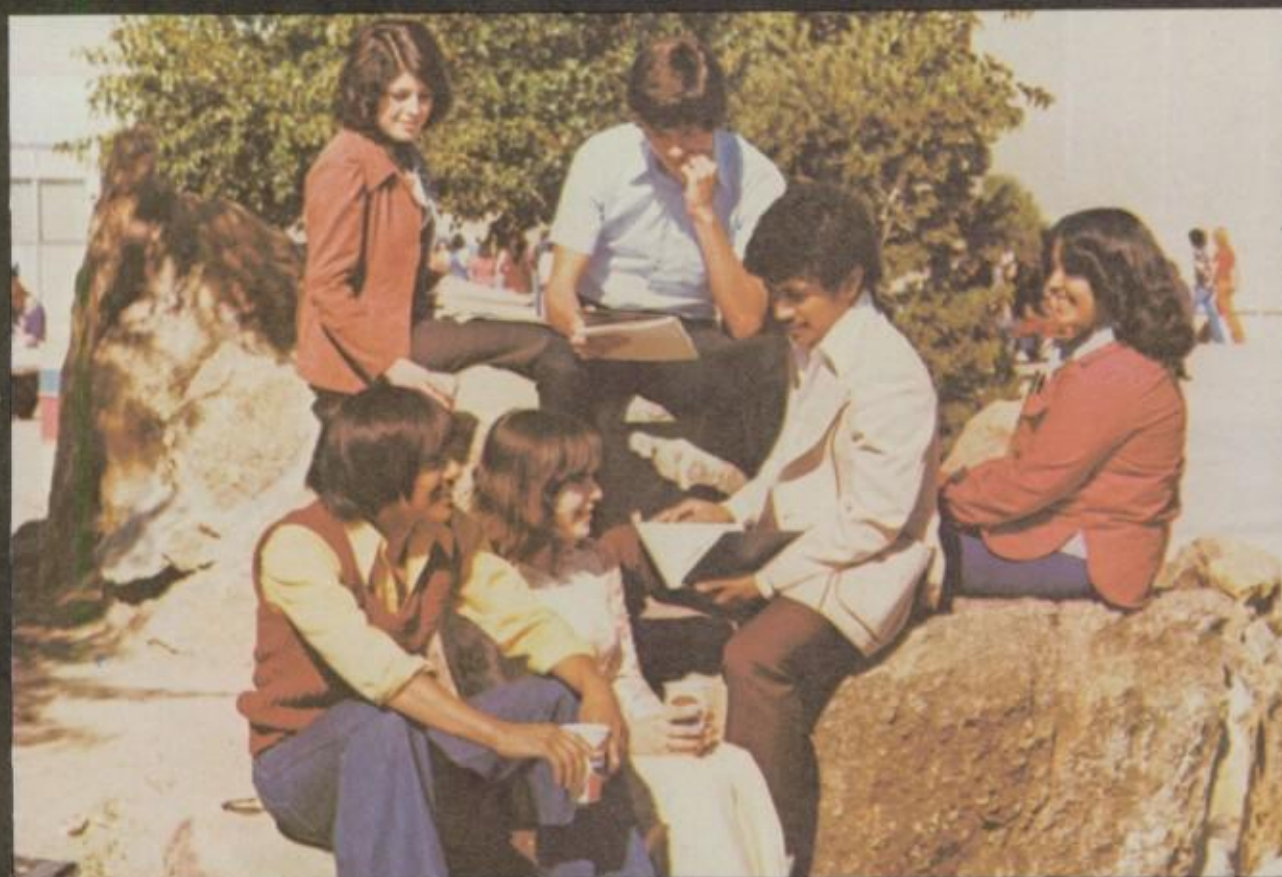
Rudy R.
Gutierrez



Samuel
Gurule



Yolanda
Gutierrez



Senior students gather around the fountain during lunch hour to compare notes for an upcoming exam.



Mike
Habacz



Marquette
Hall

Joetta
Hamilton



Robin
Haney



Pamela
Hargrove



Alberta
Harrison



Daniel
Jordon



Karen
Kellovich



Therese
Holguin



Henio
Holguin



Ernest
Herrera



Manuel
Herrera



Paul
Herrera



Joe
Hietpas



Michael
Jean



Mary Louise
Jaramillo



Alice
Jones



Joseph
Kao



David Gavi gives Nancy Cordova a fond farewell.



Annette
Klimka

Sheila
Knowles

Harry
Konwin

Georgia
LaJeunesse



Phyllis
Landman

Lawrence
Large

Steven
Lashure

Nancy
Lovato



Marty
Laws

Laurel
Leppke

Ernestine
Lee

Starla
Lee



Wanda
Lewis

Bernice
Lopez

Celine
Lopez

Connie
Lopez



Joann
Lopez

Barbara
Lovato

Carmen
Lovato

Danny
Lovato

David
Lovato



Michael
Lovato



Tom
Lovato



Patricia
Love



Billy
Lucero



Mary
Lueras



Phillip
Lucero



Theresa
Lucero



Timothy
Lucero



Anna
Lujan



Patricia
Luna



Louis
Luna



Ester
Madrid



Mary
Madrid



Looking for Seniors? You'll always find them at the snack bar!



Anthony Maestas
Cynthia Marquez
Patricia Marquez
Anthony Martinez

Sylvia Maestas
Denise Marquez
Cheryl Martin
Casey Martinez

Yolanda Maldonado
Leroy Marquez
Annette Martinez
Catherine Martinez

John Madrid
Ester Manriquez
Lydia Marquez

Charles
Martinez

Flavio
Martinez

Marcella
Martinez

Marianne
Martinez



Marvin
Martinez

Roger
Martinez

Tim
Martinez

John
Mascarenas



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McCarrell

Darlene
Melton

Alice
Merrills

Terrell
Milford



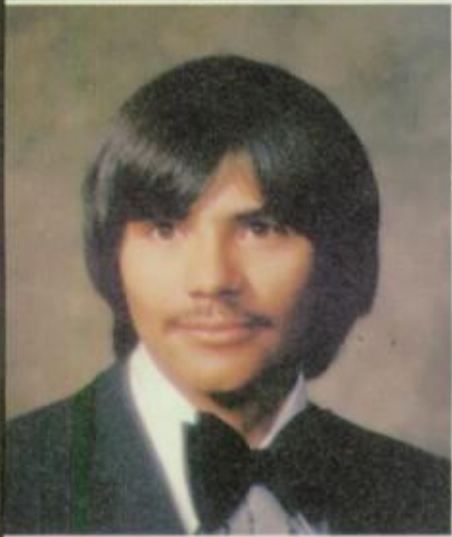
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Molina

Jennifer
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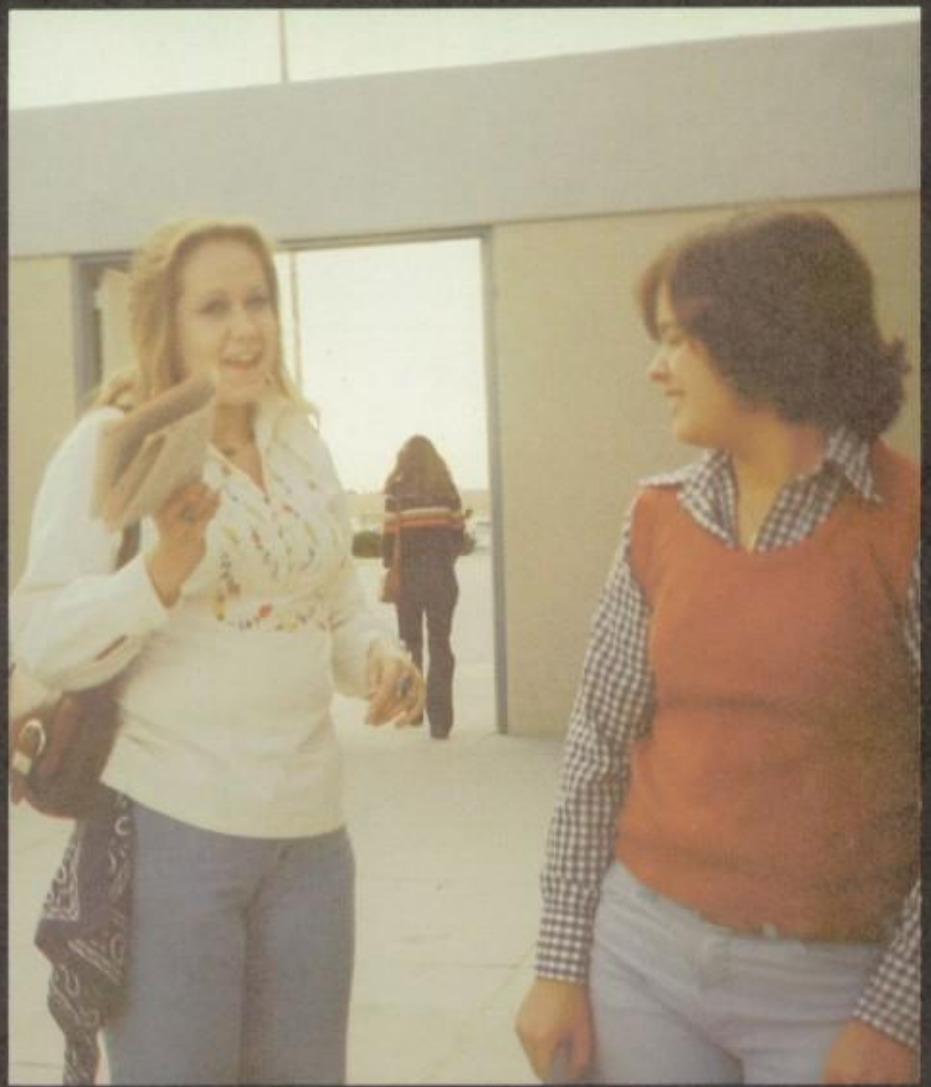
Alexandro
Montaño





Nick Montañó
Aurelio Montañó
Joseph Montañó
Berta Mora

Richard Montañó
Emilio Montañó
Loretta Montoya
Marilyn Moquino



Anette Klimka warns camera man not to take the picture while Theresa Holguin quickly turns.



Lorina Montoya
Karen Mowder

Ida Mora
Louise Moya



Leonard Corona patiently awaits to see the results of his haircut.

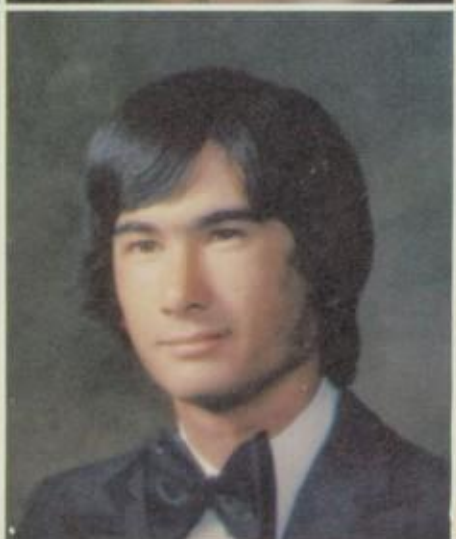


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Gilbert Otero
David Pacheco
Raymond Pacheco

Peggy Muller
Tammy Noffsinger
Donald Ortiz

Martin Nicasio
Sam Nuzo
Ralph Ortiz

George Muniz
Barbara Orona
Becky Pacheco



James Pacheco
Ernest Palacios
Paul Laurie
Kathleen Perea

Anna Padilla
Anna Parra
Janet Payne
Glenn Pierce

Jose Padilla
Steve Parra
Debbie Perea
Lucy Pino

Virginia Padilla
Eric Pasena
Gerald Perea
Christine Portillos

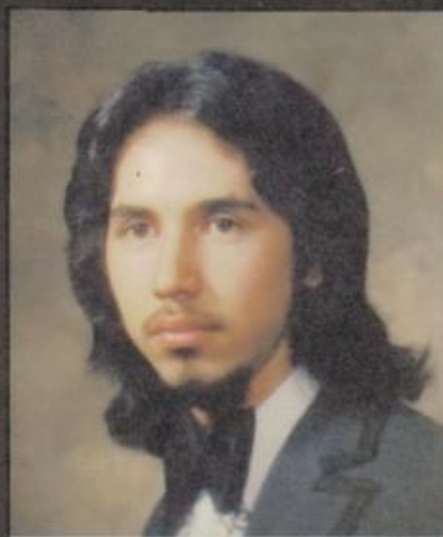


Grace Prairie
Roberta Reed
Edwin Rodriguez
Sandra Romero

Ester Quintana
Yvonne Ramirez
Maltida Romero
Sylvia Romero

Nick Quintana
Tim Richardson
Richard Romero
Raymond Roybal

Kathleen Ramirez
David Rodriguez
Robert Romero
Pat Ruiz



Lawrence Large, Jean Torres and Quintin Stephens "find" time between classes to share a good laugh.

Gary Saavedra
Donna Salazar

Ronald Saavedra
Greg Salazar

Charles Salas
Robert Salazar
Bobby Sanchez
Greg Sanchez

Barbara Salazar
Antoinette Sanchez
Gilbert Sanchez
Lenore Sanchez



The patio is the place to catch up on all the latest gossip.



Mary Sanchez
Yvonne Sanchez

Robert Sanchez
Edward Sandoval

Sandra Sanchez
Janice Sandoval

Steven Sanchez
Joey Sandoval
Annette Santistvan
Vincent Santistvan



Jeff
Scott

James
Sedillo

Marcial
Segura

Margaret
Sena



Velma
Sepulveda

Lawrence
Serna

Johnny
Shock

Jimmy
Silva



Richard
Silva

Rosalio
Silva

Sandra
Silva

Judith
Sisneros



John
Skinner

Donald
Slack

Bruce
Smith

Kelly
Smith



Diana
Smullen

Yolanda
Solano

Richard
Sommer

Cindy
Southard

Joe
Sprunk

Quintin
Stevens

Mike
Summers

Tammy
Summer



Conrad
Tafoya

Lionel
Tachias

Pete
Tartaglia

Vivian
Taylor



William
Taylor

Yvonne
Taylor

Gail
Tillian

Lisa
Tinker



Scott
Thomason

Ana
Thompson

Diana
Torres

Jean
Torres





Joann
Torres

Michael
Torres

Dalphene
Trujillo

Daniel
Trujillo



Julia
Trujillo

Ruben
Urioste

Adolfo
Vallegos

Raymond
Valencia



Carl Valdez
Marvin Valverde



Dennis Valdez
Nicolasa Valverde



Doris Garcia compliments impatient Margaret Aragon who anxiously awaits her appearance as Master of Ceremonies at the Homecoming Assembly.

Ricky
Vaughan



Rod
Vernon



Gregory
Vigil



Juanita
Vigil



Claudia
Waters



Jeffery
Weitzel



Debbie
Williams



David
Wurst



Robert
Waldron



Theresa
Vigil



Nancy
Wilson



Karen
Williams



Tonya
Wells



Tony
Weber



Isabel
Zamora



Joseph
Zamora



Sally
Zamora



Valerie
Zamora

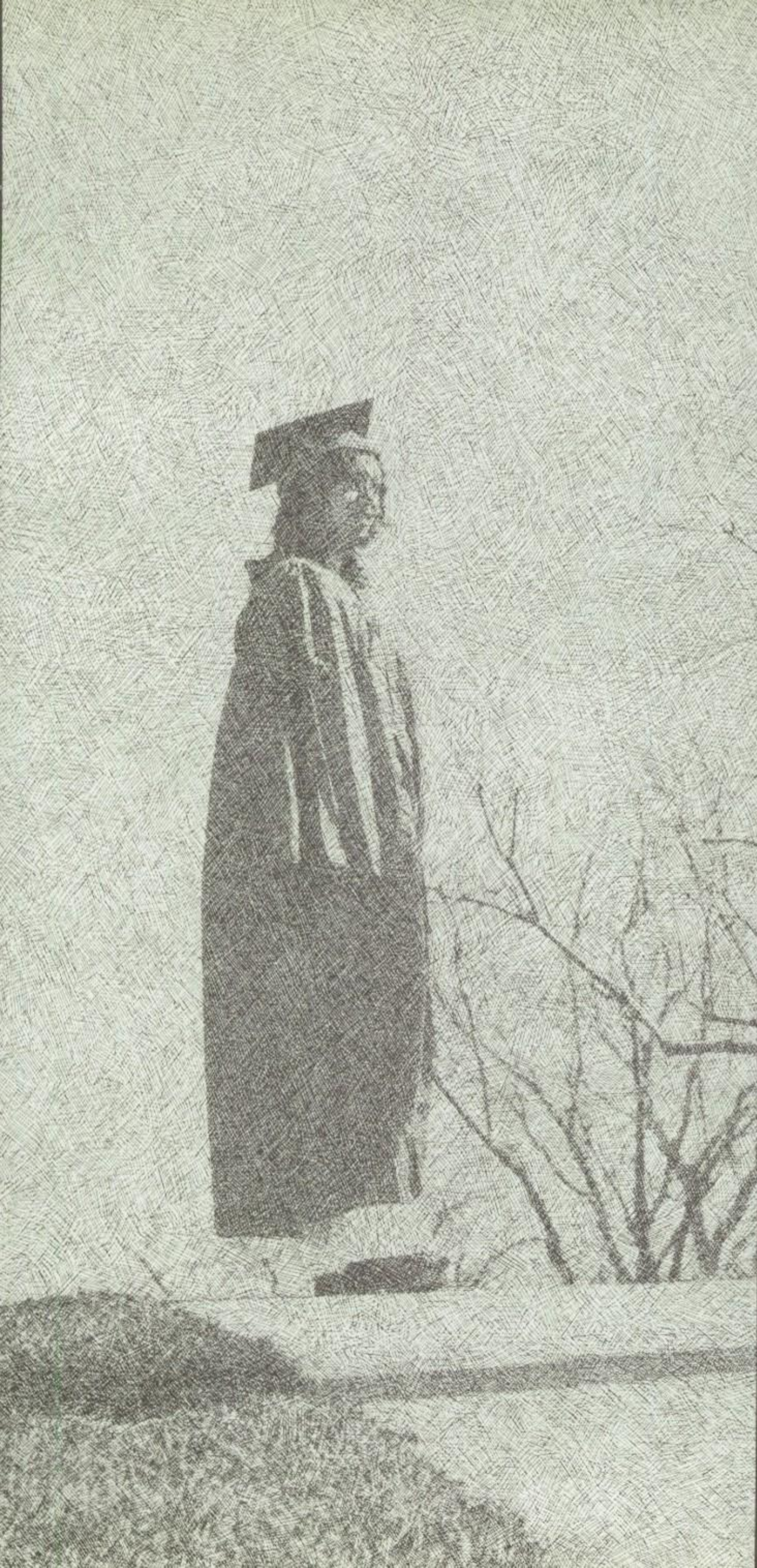


Yolanda
Zamora



Justine
Zimmerley



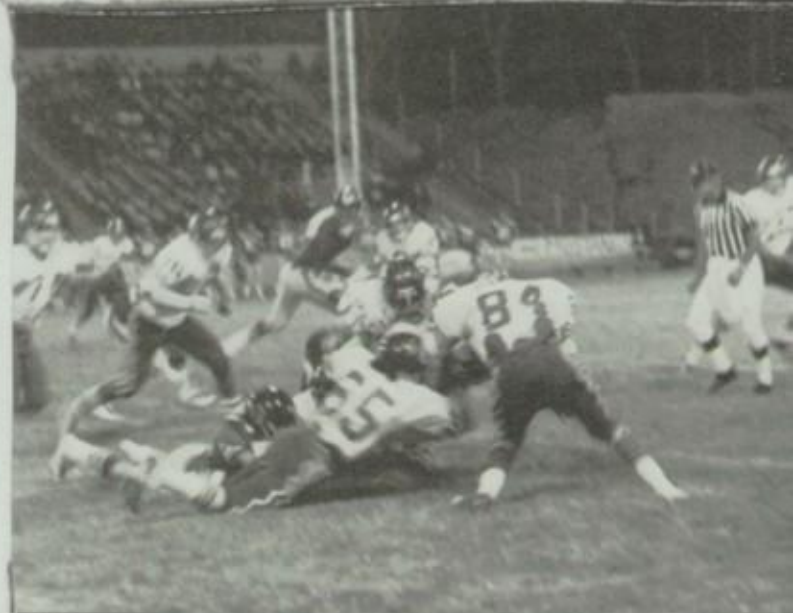
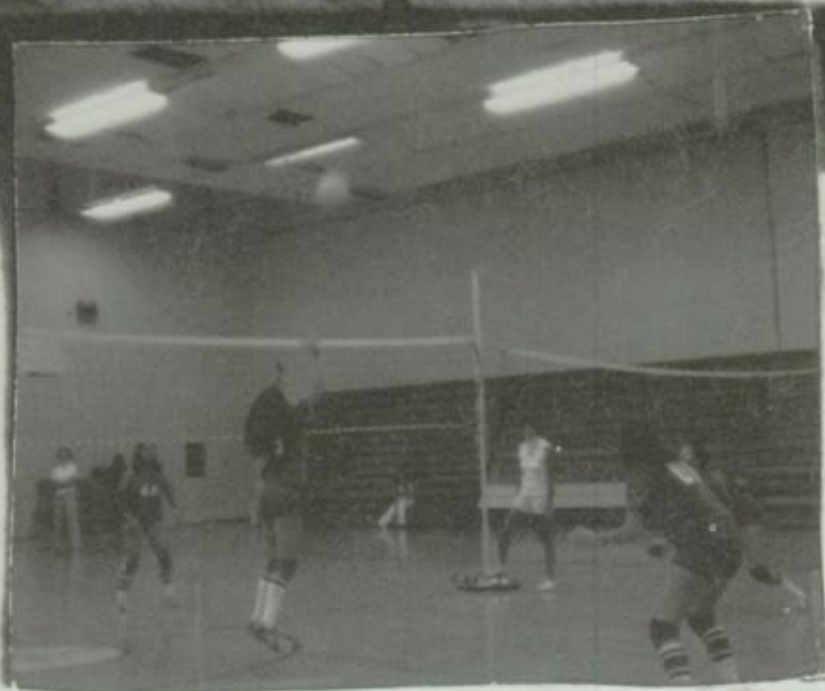


Only that day dawns
To which we are awake
 Thoreau
Graduation is here

Life is a series of goodbyes . . .
But if those farewells
Are tempered with pride
In the past
And hope for the future,
Thoughts of good friends
Found and yet to be discovered
Confidence in one's self
And concern for others
Then the goodbyes
Are not endings but beginnings —
Not a change of lifestyle
But a necessary
And sought for broadening
Of one's horizons.

Be not afraid
To venture
Into new endeavors
Without a backward look!
The world changes,
And life
As we know it Know it now
Will never be again.
So savor each moment
For its uniqueness
And tenderly confine it
To nostalgia.

Written by
Jean Torres





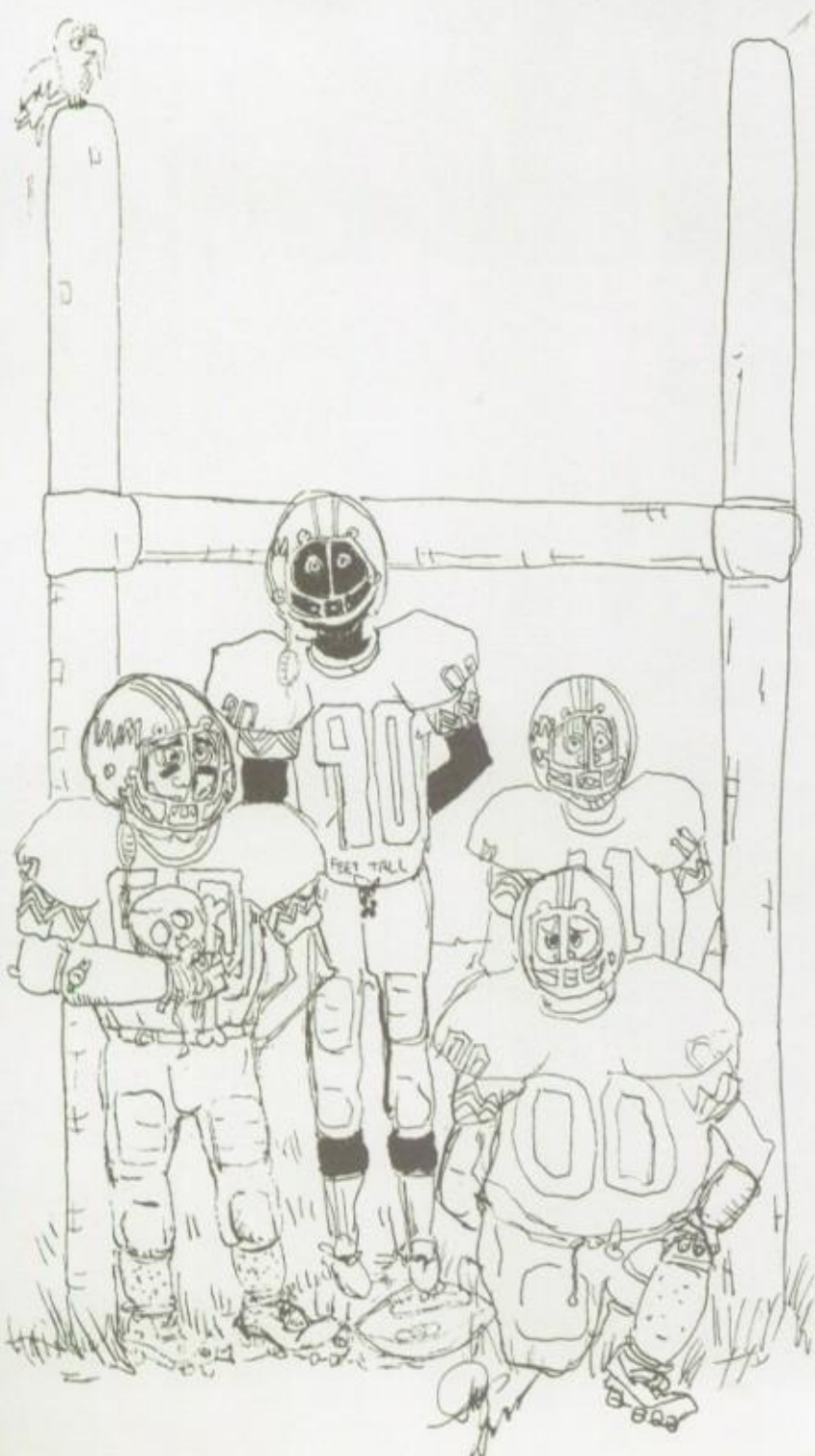
SPORTS

... And There Will Be Windows

MUSTANG



FOOTBALL

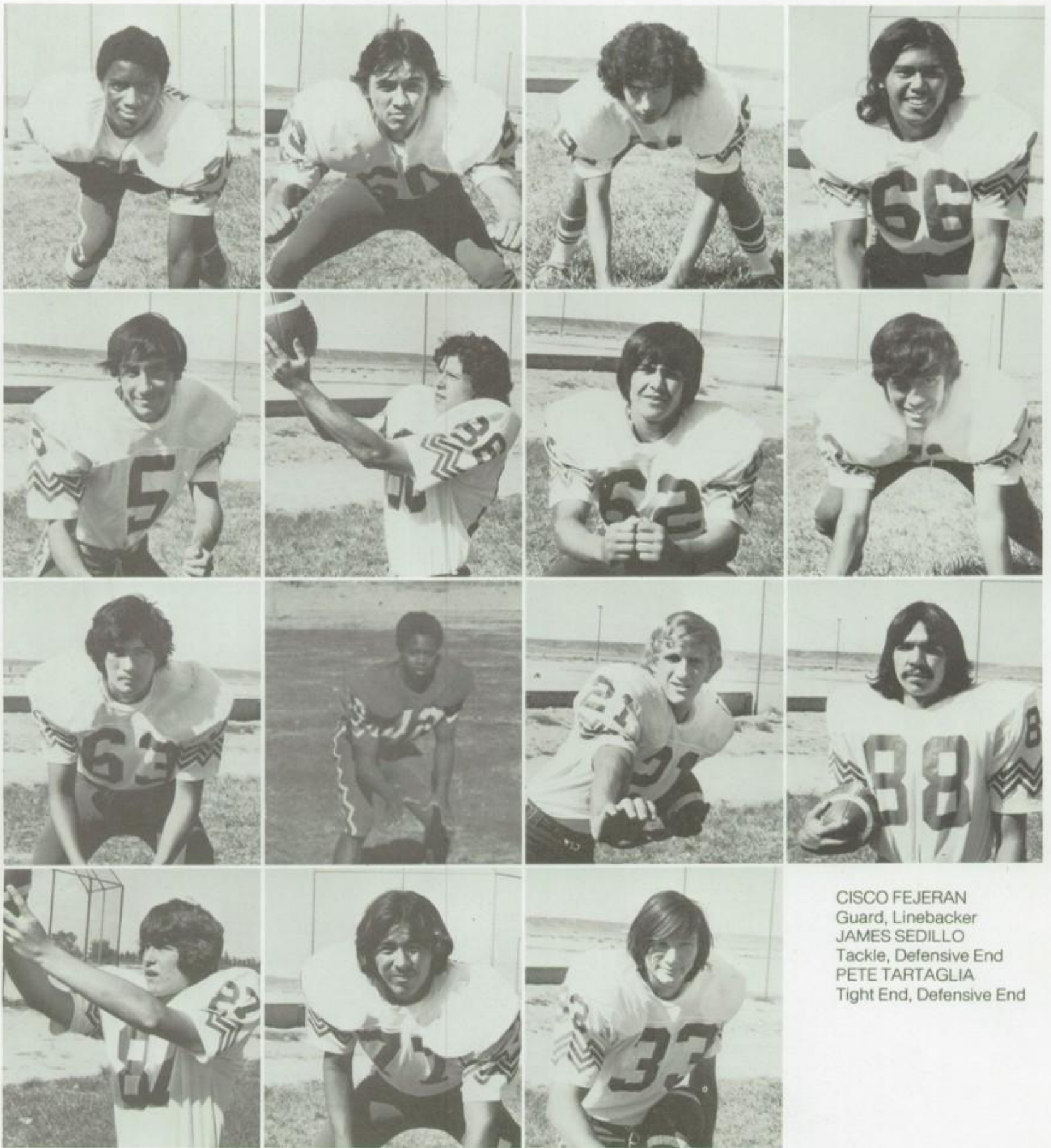


Football

This year's Mustang football team had a rough start with only one returning starter from the 1974 season. The young club worked hard, but was hurt by their lack of experience. Non-district competition ended with an 0-5 mark. District games began to show the Mustangs desire. Mustangs ended the District and year with a 3-2 district record, taking 3rd place in district competition.

1. Jeff Weitzel tackles an unidentified Bulldog, as Cisco Fejeran and Rene Diaz charge on to assist him. 2. Coach Dow gives some last-minute plays to Quarterback Marty Valencia. 3. Mustangs in action in an unsuccessful game against the Sandia High School Matadors.

15 Seniors Make Up Varsity Team



CISCO FEJERAN
Guard, Linebacker
JAMES SEDILLO
Tackle, Defensive End
PETE TARTAGLIA
Tight End, Defensive End

RONNIE CALTON
Tackle, Defensive End
DAVID GAVI
Power Back, Safety
LAWRENCE SERNA
Guard, Linebacker
SCOTT THOMPSON
Split End, Defensive End

CARLOS CASAREZ
Defensive Back
DANNY JORDAN
Safety, Split End
QUINTIN STEPHENS
Power Back, Defensive End
DANNY TRUJILLO
Tackle

RENE DIAS
Tight End, Center, Defensive
End
RAY ROYBAL
Guard, Tackle
RICK SOMMER
Fullback, Defensive End
JEFF WEITZEL
Fullback, Safety, Prep. Player of
the Week

All-District Team

JEFF WEITZEL
1st Team, Defensive Back
DANNY JORDAN
1st Team, Split End
MARTY VALENCIA
2nd Team, Defensive Back
PETE TARTAGLIA
2nd Team, Tight End
QUINTIN STEPHENS
2nd Team, Defensive
Tackle

Mighty Mustang Spirit Rules The Gridiron



1. Mustangs left to right are, bottom: Alfred Gallegos, Marty Valencia, Richard Gonzales, Ray Roybal, Rick Sommer, Mgr. Vera Chavez, Jimmy Lane, Rene Diaz, Chris Briceno, Bobby Sanchez. 2nd row: Mike Rodriguez, Tony Sanchez, Pete Tartaglia, Tom Davis, Danny Jordan, David Gavi, Lenny Lovato, Leonard Rue, Carlton Hall, Carlos Casarez. 3rd row: Coach Mike Dent, Coach Wayne Krinke, Mgr. Dennis Montoya, Jeff Weitzel, George Orona, John Gamble, Ross Sanchez, Cisco Fejaran, David Sedillo, Gilbert Vargas, Kenny Chavez, Head Coach Richard Dow. Top row: Scott Thompson, Renny Calton, Joe Williams, Danny Trujillo, James Sedillo, Lawrence Serna, John Clark. 2. Mustangs charge onto the field for the start of a new game.

SCORES

Valley	6	WM	0
Del Norte	21	WM	7
Manzano	28	WM	7
Highland	42	WM	8
Sandia	34	WM	0
Los Alamos	7	WM	6
Farmington	28	WM	8
Santa Fe	8	WM	29
Gallup	6	WM	13

B-Team Football Hits Hard



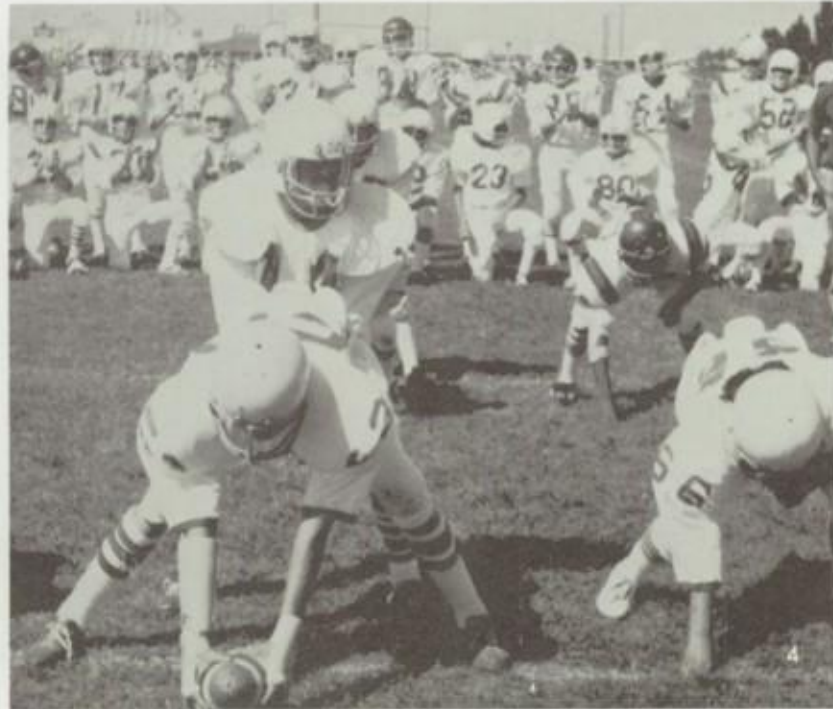
Left to right, bottom row: Richard Saavedra, Morris Padilla, Mal Torres, Randy Ortega, Anthony Griego, Bobby Sanchez, Randy Sedillos, Steve Andrade, Richard Whitaker. Middle row: Coach Curtis Salmon, Manager Joan Chavez, Don Nuzzo, David Jaramillo, Greg Martinez, Jack Berry, Andrew Maestas, Chris Abeyta, Alfred Bourguet, Ronnie Marquez. Top row: Anthony Chavez, Kelly White, Arthur Luna, Vince Rodriguez, Richard Moya, Joe Salcedo, Albert Cote, Anthony Sena, Frank Lujan, Coach Anthony Trujillo.



"B" SCORES

Valley	6	WM	20
Gallup	8	WM	16
Rio Grande	6	WM	6
Los Alamos	14	WM	20
Sandia	6	WM	32
Belen	29	WM	22
Cibola	24	WM	8
Manzano	30	WM	12
Eldorado	24	WM	8

C Team Colts Get Tough



Colts left to right are, 1st row: Ray Sanchez, Louie Brito, Steve Duran, Martin Gallegos, Mike Griego, Steve Beazley, Glenn Mondragon, Danny Anaya, Mike Hamilton, Dean Lane. 2nd row: Coach Tony Gallegos, James Avila, Kenneth Johnson, Ralph Trujillo, Paul Picarro, Jeff Serna, Johnny Padilla, Pete Ramirez, Vincent Sanchez, Mike Marquez, Phillip Villa, Joe Baca, Coach "Fuzz" Trujillo. 3rd row: Louie Morales, Eloy Quintana, David Lucero, Lawrence Garcia, John Gustafson, Alfred Sigale, Jose Sedillo, Fred Gomez, Ricky Paul, Stanley Vargas, Coach House. 4th row: Carlos Trujillo, Jeff Sanchez, Tom Garcia, Leonard Sanchez, Mike Gutierrez, Clance Milo, Gary Chavez, Glen Wright, Eddie Salas, Tony Gutierrez, Tom Summers, Mike Fitzhugh, Phillip Montoya, Jo Ann Griego, Steve Canon, Manager, pictured at left, standing.

1. Jeff Wietzel tackles a defenseless Bulldog, as teammates rush to assist him. 2. Mustangs unpile off a very sore opponent. 3. Mighty Mustangs attempt to gain good yardage early in the game. 4. Colts warm up before the start of their games, in order to be tough.

"C" SCORES

Eldorado	35	WM	0
Wilson	12	WM	0
Polk	21	WM	6
McKinley	30	WM	8
Taft	0	WM	6
Kennedy	6	WM	14

Cross Country Sprinters



Stampede To State



Cross Country members, left to right are, Bottom row: Victor Lovato, Richard Martinez, Sammy Saiz, Nick Saavedra, Frank Quintana, Eddie Dimas, Mark Pino. 2nd row: Coach Matt Henry, Aurelio Montoya, Tom White, Mike Arias, James Baca, Phillip Casias, Emilio Montoya, Julian Gallegos, Anthony Sierra. Top row: Larry Sonntag, Phil Padilla, Sam Nelson, Dennis Valdez, Bob Francisco, Abie Johnson, and Norman Begay.



West Mesa High School has a tradition of producing great Cross Country teams. This year was no exception as Varsity, B-Team, and C-Team runners defeated 217 other teams, and lost to only 34. They also took first place in the city championships, and second place in district.

On November 15, 1975, Mustang cross country runners went to State in Roswell, and came home with fourth place. Also that month, Bob Francisco and Tom White were chosen for the All-State Cross Country Team.

1. Cross Country men and assorted loyal fans bask in glory and sunshine in the wide open spaces. 2. Coach Matt Henry proudly displays some of the many trophies that our Cross Country team won this year. 3. Emilio Montoya and Julian Gallegos battle it out, as they go towards the finish line. 4. James Baca gradually gains distance over his opponents on the very tough Academy course.

Sr. Cross Country Men Too Much For Opponents



Mike Arias
Aurelio Montoya
Phil Padilla

Bob Francisco
Emilio Montoya
Dennis Valdez

PLACES

3-1st Place

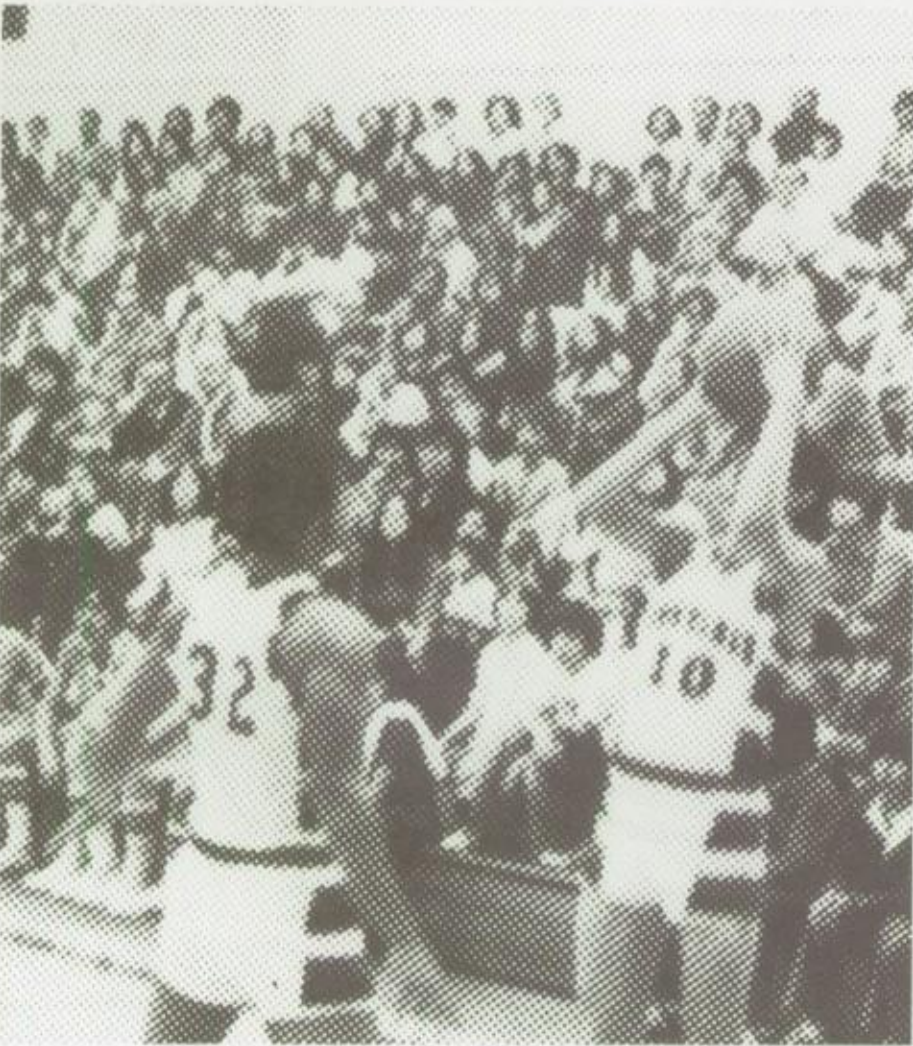
3-2nd Place

2-3rd Place

2-4th Place

Abie Johnson
Sam Nelson

Mustang Basketball



Mustangs Have Dynamite Season

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VARSITY ROSTER

NAME	GRADE	HT.
Tim Caffrey	11	5'11"
Tony Weber	12	5'10"
John Mascarenas	12	5'11"
Joe Zamora	12	5'11"
Ralph Garcia	12	6'0"
Joe Rael	10	6'1"
John Luna	11	6'1"
Guy Berger	12	6'3"
Brian Caffrey	12	6'2"
Paul Sanchez	11	5'11"
George Garcia	10	5'8"





Brian Caffrey



Ralph Garcia

Senior Players



John Mascarenas



Tony Weber



Joe Zamora

MUSTANG SCORES

	OPP	WM		OPP.	WM
Del Norte	64	65	A.H.S.	63	64
Highland	65	53	Santa Fe	36	62
Valley	55	49	Los Alamos	75	60
Eldorado	57	75	Rio Grande	59	62
Highland	43	38	Manzano	72	69
Eldorado	42	78	Farmington	61	81
Rio Grande	77	82	Gallup	66	78
Cibola	48	92	Santa Fe	50	65
Espanola	63	73	Los Alamos	71	62
Sandia	65	79	Espanola	58	59
A.H.S.	68	63	Farmington	69	63
Gallup	59	58	Espanola	37	48
A.H.S.	54	53			

1. Varsity members, 1st row, left to right are: Tim Caffrey, Tony Weber, John Mascarenas, Joe Zamora, Ralph Garcia. 2nd row: Joe Rael, John Luna, Guy Berger, Coach Fred Romero, Brian Caffrey, Joe Avery, Paul Sanchez. 2. Senior Joe Zamora goes up for an easy two points.

COLT SCORES

	OPP.	WM
Del Norte	79	71
Highland	72	49
Valley	88	54
Eldorado	51	68
Bernalillo	49	83
Valley	58	62
Del Norte	64	62
Cibola	55	65
Española	89	72
Sandia	76	65
A.H.S.	60	43
Santa Fe	58	46
Los Alamos	68	52
Rio Grande	79	77
Manzano	69	57
Farmington	60	58
Gallup	64	85
Santa Fe	61	54
Los Alamos	77	70
Espanola	63	67
A.H.S.	74	54

1. Colts are, left to right, 1st row: Victor Bustos, Mike Martinez, Marshal Smith, George Garcia. 2nd row: Manager Elfigo Martinez, Clinton Harrison, Carl Waters, Eugene Valverde, Billy DeRaad, Bobby Sanchez, Coach Pete Pino. 2. Ralph Garcia attempts a free throw, as Tony Weber and Joe Zamora prepare for an opponent fast break. 3. Debbie Rue and Clairice Hall wait for the Colts to come onto the court. 4. C-team members are, left to right, 1st row: Anthony Griego, David Candelaria. 2nd row: Leonard Mascarenas, Mark Portillos, Coach Don Bauer, Ernest Vallejos, Mal Torres. 3rd row: Manager Jessie Trujillo, Dwayne Montes De Oca, John Paul Devan, Joe Salcido, Barry Hopkins, Richard Moya, Manager David Sedillo. 5. Freshman team members are, left to right, 1st row: James Griego, Charles Garcia, Pat Ortiz. 2nd row: John Gustafson, Kimble Kelly, Carlos Maldonado, Joe Baca. 3rd row: Vincent Sanchez, Jeff Watkins, Eric Berger, Mike Fitzhugh, Eddie Salas, Jeff Sanchez, Domenic Duree, Coach Tony Jaramillo.



Colts



C-Team



Freshman Team



C-TEAM SCORES

	OPP.	
WM	70	29
Del Norte	57	35
Highland	56	33
Valley	43	57
Eldorado	73	50
Cibola	51	43
Los Lunas	45	40
Cibola	60	62
Bernalillo	62	63
A.H.S.	60	51
Los Lunas	48	52
Los Alamos	43	45
Rio Grande	72	59
Manzano	66	32
Los Lunas	32	48
Sandia School	47	86
Bernalillo H.S.	71	43
Cibola	48	46
A.H.S.	83	38

FRESHMAN STATISTICS

Record: Won 8 Lost 4
 Placed 8th in City Competition.
 One of the freshman outstanding players this year was Mike Fitzhugh, who averaged 25 points and 18 rebounds per game.



1. Senior Tony Weber gets tangled up as he goes up for two points. 2. A determined Monarch attempts to block Guy Berger's jump shot. 3. John Mascarenas proudly bursts through the run-through to lead the Mustangs onto the court. 4. Tony Weber tries his luck at a far outside shot.

Golf



GOLF SCHEDULE

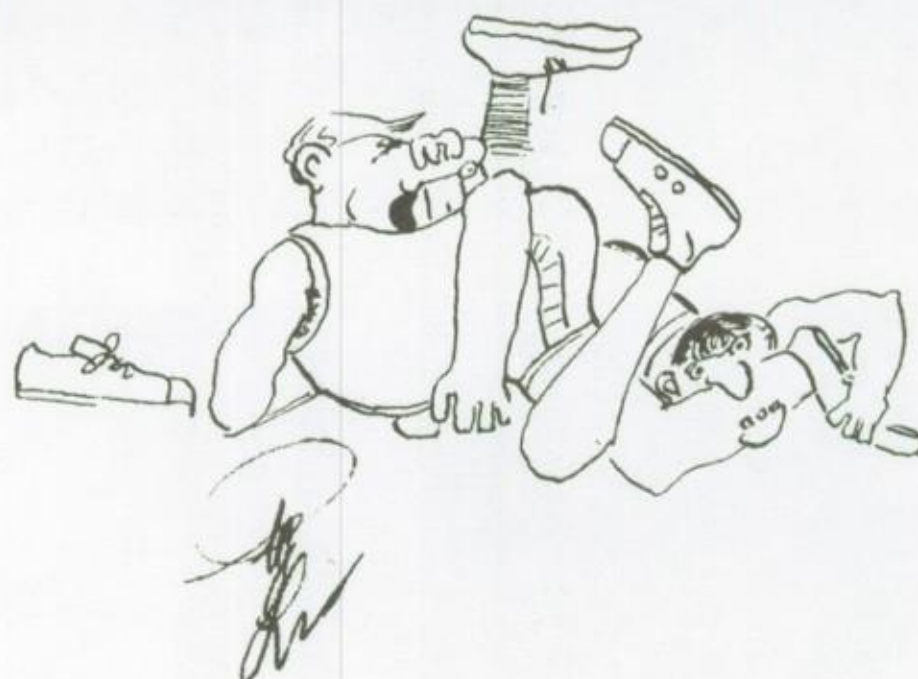
April 2
 April 9
 April 16
 April 23
 April 30
 May 7
 1. Billy Moya and Coach Sam Soto. 2.
 This year's golf team consisted of
 only one player, Billy Moya.

WRESTLING SCORES

WM		
34	Cibola	18
13	Manzano	43
31	Rio Grande	23
3	Eldorado	43
52	Valley	8
25	Los Alamos	30
31	Del Norte	26
26	A.H.S.	28
20	Gallup	37
45	Farmington	15
39	Highland	15
27	Santa Fe	27
55	Espanola	0
39	Sandia	24



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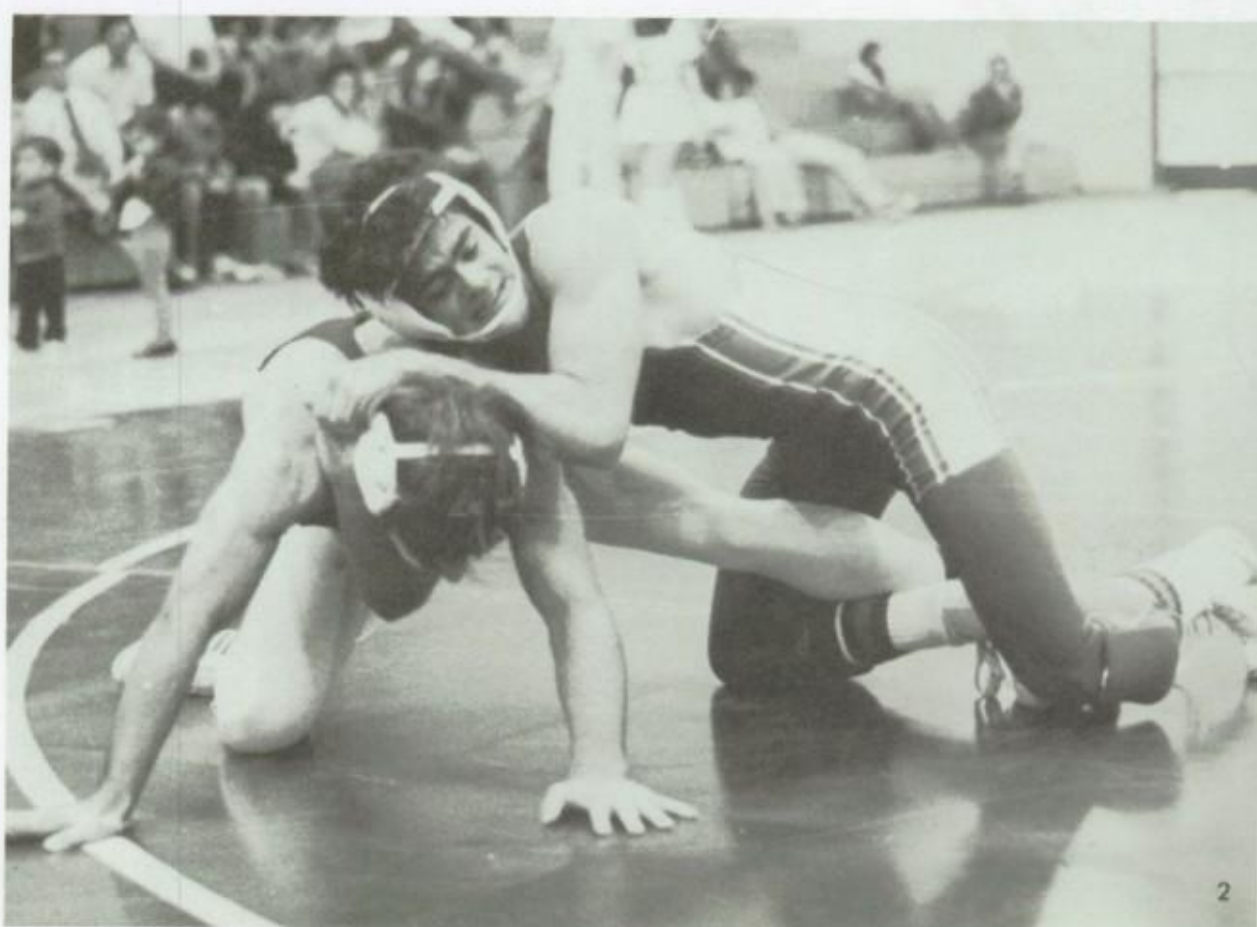


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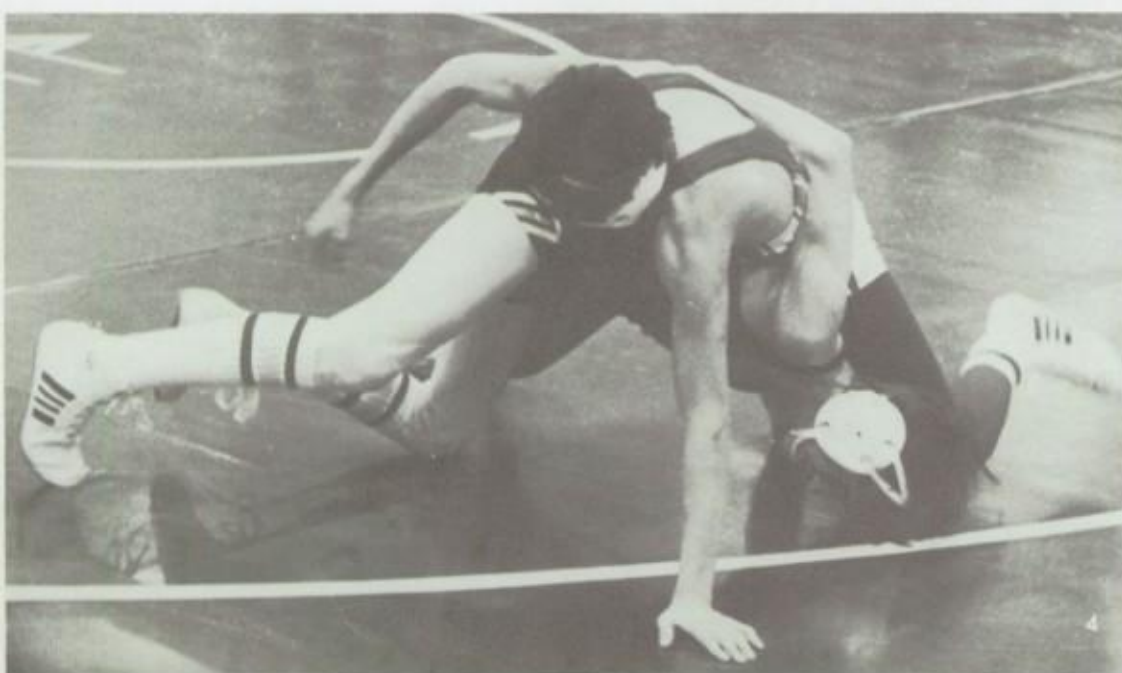
This year's Wrestling Team has been the best that West Mesa High School has had in a long time. In State Competition, Mustangs came in 10th. In Individual Competition, Flavio Martinez took 3rd, and Lenny Lovato and Emilio Montoya took 4th. Mustangs ended their season with a 8-5-1 record.

1. Senior Tom Lovato struggles to roll his man over and go for the pin. 2. Richard Silva painfully takes his opponent down to the mat. 3. Flavio Martinez attempts to break the hold which his opponent has on him. 4. An unidentified Mustang prepares to make his move on his Cibola opponent.





V A R S I T Y



VARSITY ROSTER

WT.	NAMES
98	Flavio Martinez
105	Emilio Montoya
112	James Baca
119	Chris Abeyta
135	Lenny Lovato
136	Ronnie Marquez
138	Richard Silva
145	Danny Lovato
167	Mike Flores
185	Tom Lovato
HVY	Joey Williams

Manager JoAnne Sanchez

Coach Tony Gallegos

7 Seniors Contribute To WMHS



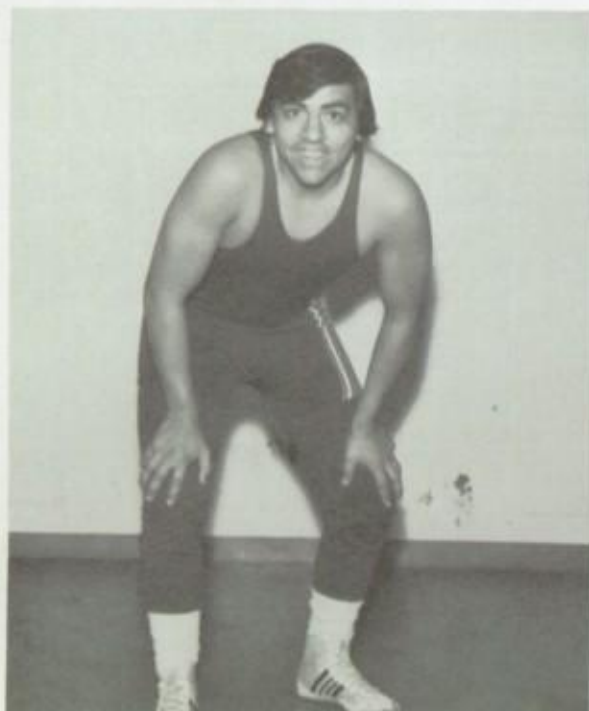
Chris Flores



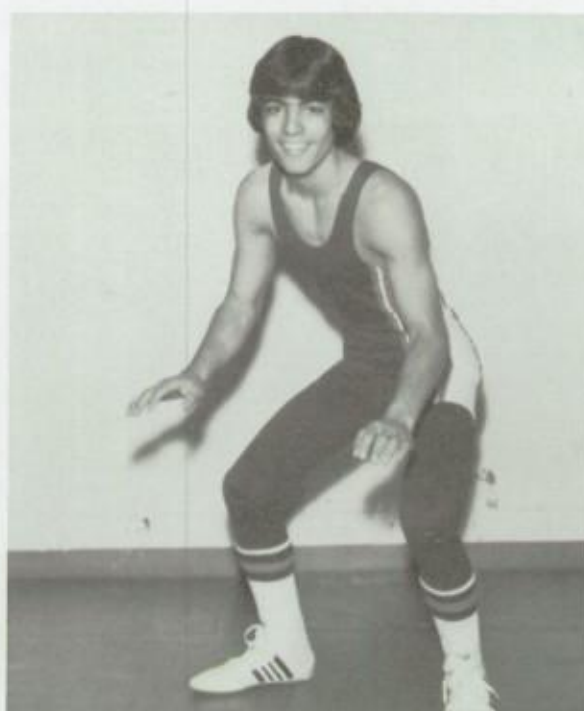
Mike Flores



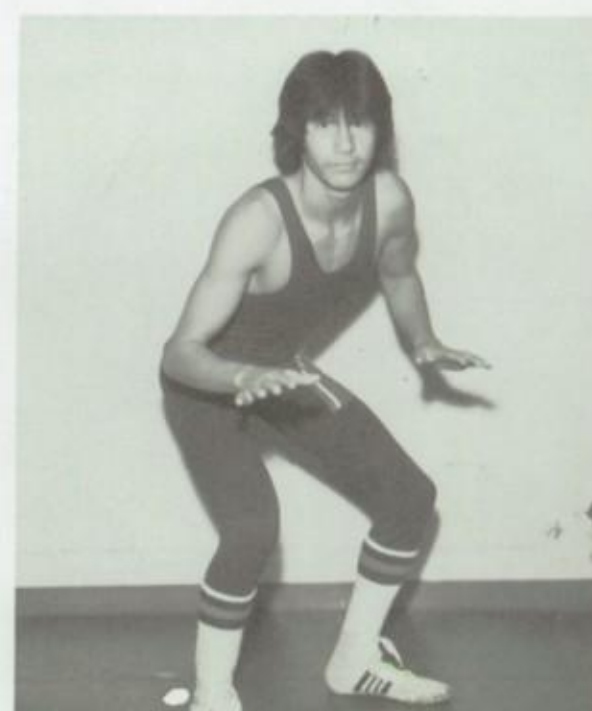
Danny Lovato



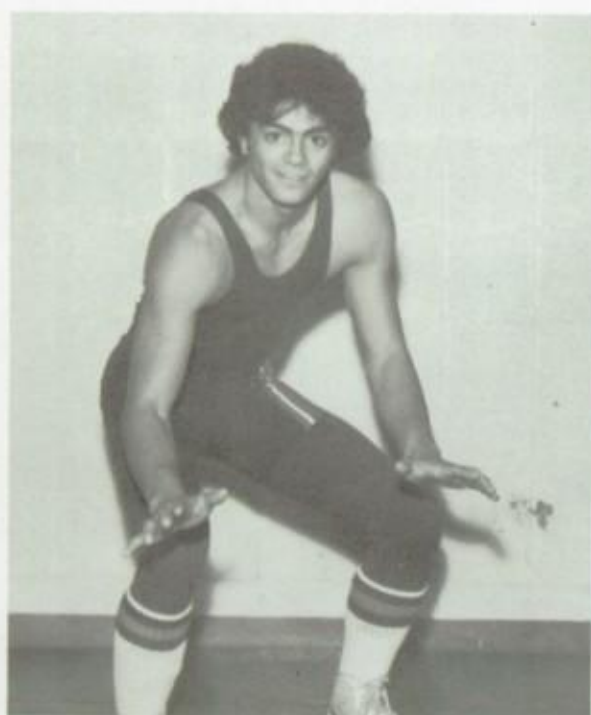
Tom Lovato



Flavio Martinez



Emilio Montoya



Richard Silva

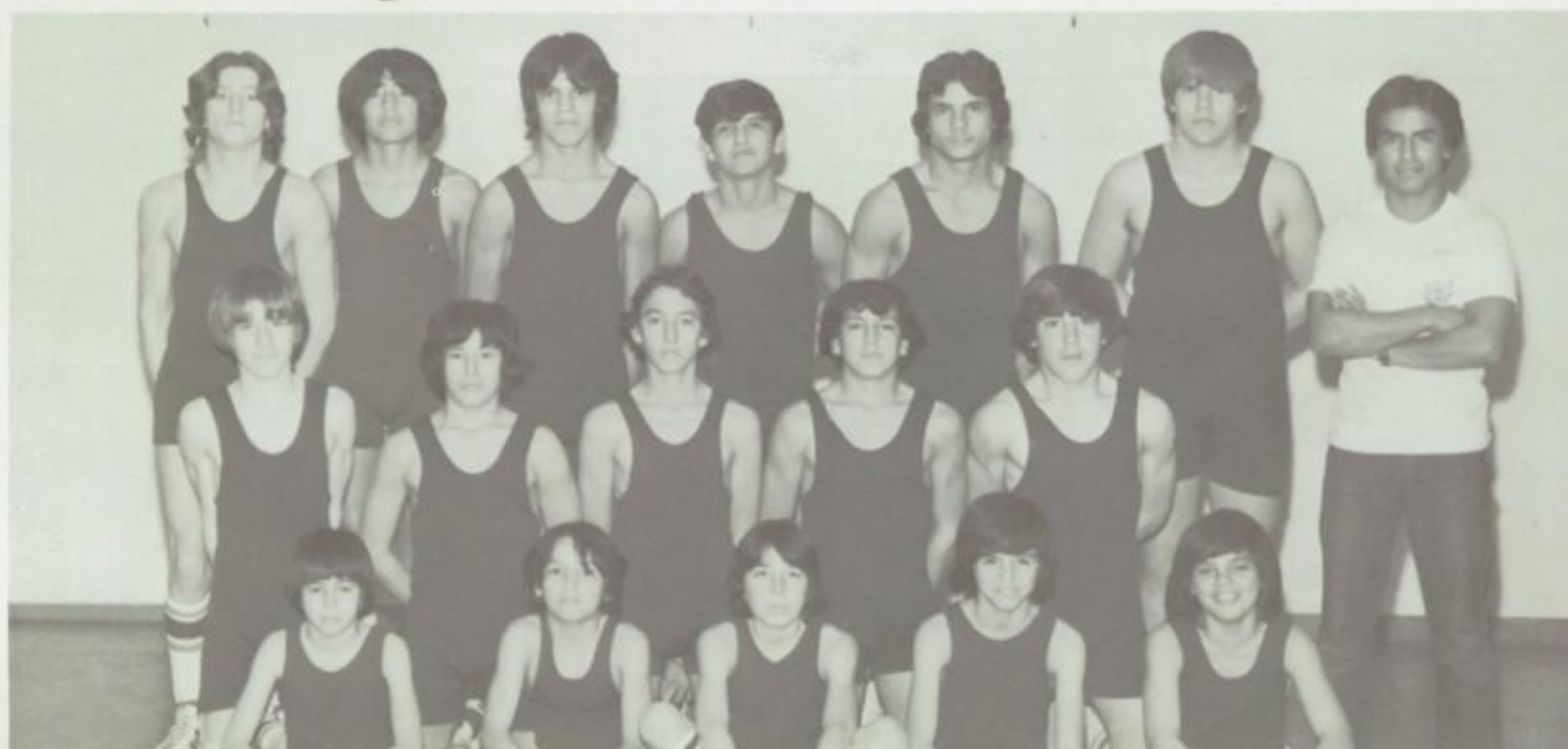


Mr. Mean

SENIOR WRESTLERS

Chris Flores	167
Mike Flores	167
Danny Lovato	145
Tom Lovato	185
Flavio Martinez	98
Emilio Montoya	105
Richard Silva	138

Wrestling Power



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C-TEAM ROSTER

WT.	NAMES
64	Leonard Garcia
64	Danny Olivas
71	Francisco Candelaria
71	Fred Griego
85	Clyde Mares
94	Juan Montoya
98	Charles Montano
98	Paul Pickerel
104	Louie Morales
110	Anthony Trujillo
116	Gerald Bourguet
116	Gabe Flores
126	Ronald Gutierrez
131	Sam Burge
140	Leonard Sanchez
HVY	Tom Summers

Coach Mike Lovato

B-TEAM ROSTER

WT.	NAMES
98	Frank Orona
105	Mike Marquez
112	Leonard Lovato
112	Victor Lovato
112	Arthur Valverde
119	Alfred Bourguet
119	Henry Segovia
126	Paul Byatt
132	Robert Chavez
138	Tony Sanchez
155	Ross Sanchez
167	Chris Flores
185	Mike Rodriguez
185	Tony Sanchez
HVY	Steven Ames

Managers: Denise Jaramillo, Eddie Cannon

Track And Field



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TRACK AND FIELD

1. Track team members are, left to right, 1st row: Ben Platero, Sam Nelson, David Jaramillo, Joe Avery, Quintin Stephens, Roy Garvin, Steve Andrade, Michael Stower, Howard Mondragon. 2nd row: Steve Parks, Mike Rodriguez, Clance Milo, Roy Metzgar, Larry Gallegos, Tom Davis, Phillip Casias, Victor Lovato, Donald Love, Leo Sepulveda. 3rd row: Floyde Carnis, Eddie Dimas, Mark Garcia, Anthony Gonzales, Gilbert Vargas, Anthony Sena. 4th row: Manager Ymelda Valdez, Cephas Apachito, Alfred Montes de Oca, Kevin Murphy, Tom White, Lawrence Garcia, Phillip Guillan, Edward Chavez, Peter Klein, Fred Gomez, Carlton Hall, Norman Begay, Coach Matt Henry. 5th row: Coach Richard Dow, Mike Rodriguez, Kelly White, Bob Francisco, Pete Tartaglia, Tim Parks, Richard Garcia, Monty Daniels, Ray Valencia, Harold Ayers, Abie Johnson, John Gamble, Coach Mike Dent. 2. Pole vaulters: Floyde Cares, David Gavi. 3. Sprinters: Fred Gomez, Donald Love, Harold Ayers, Carlos Trujillo, Gilbert Vargas, Joe Avery, Pete Tartaglia, Alfred Sigala, John Gamble. 2nd row: Anthony Trujillo, Rodney Holmes, Tom Davis, Steve Andrade, Clance Milo. 4. Hurdlers: Anthony Gonzales, David Gavi, Floyde Cares, Roy Garvin, Mike Rodriguez. 5. Shot putters: Alfred MontesDeOca, Larry Gallegos, Kelly White. 6. Distance runners: Sam Nelson, Abie Johnson, Tom White, Richard White, Roy Valencia. 2nd row: Ronnie Archuleta, Albert C de Baca, Phillip Casias, Norman Begay, Dennis Baca, Victor Lovato.





Sprinters



Hurdlers



Shot Putters



Distance Runners

Girls Athletics

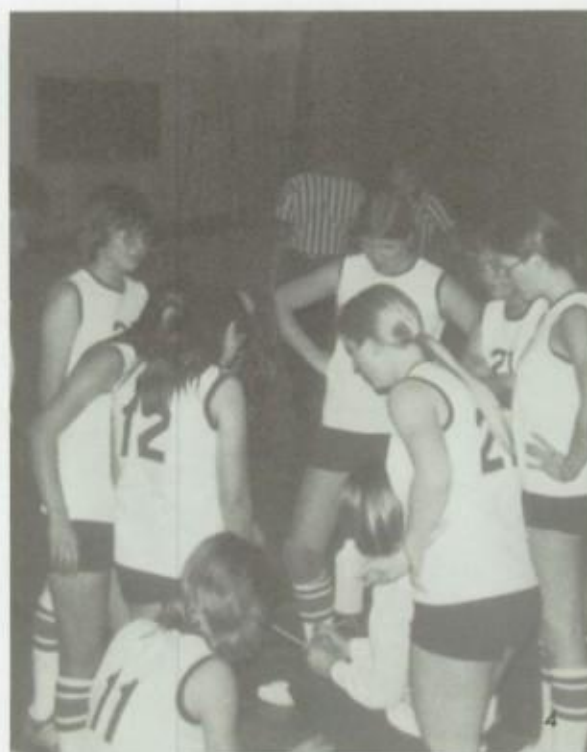


This year's Girls Athletics included basketball, volleyball, tennis, track and softball.

Coaches are Ms. Gloria Vigil, Ms. Sheryl Clemmer and Ms. Velma Swendson.

This has been the third year that Girls Sports has been sanctioned by the New Mexico Activities Association with District and State playoffs.

West Mesa High School is proud of our girls' basketball team, who ended their season with a 13-6 record.



1. Carla Del Frate goes up to try for a spike. 2. B-Team in action against the Highland Hornets. 3. Lori Hicks prepares to serve the ball into the next county. 4. A time out is called to discuss the game strategy.

Strive To Be The Best



Varsity



B-Team

BASKETBALL

Varsity

1. Varsity members are, left to right, 1st row: Ms. Gloria Vigil, Frances Mata, Pam Hargrove, Therese Holguin, JoAnn Platero, Ms. Sheryl Clemmer. 2nd row: Barbara Baca, Lori Hicks, Josephine Randles, Theresa Redinger, Debbie Padilla.

B-Team

2. B-team members are, left to right, 1st row: Manager Gertrude Maestas, Bernadette Aragon, Lisa Tafoya, Gaylene Saracino, Frances Mata, Wanda Jordan, Manager Annette Mata. 2nd row: Ms. Gloria Vigil, Eileen Montoya, Carmela Tafoya, Catrina Collier, Juanita Vigil, Debbie Cox, Ms. Sheryl Clemmer.

Volleyball



Varsity

VOLLEYBALL

1. Barbara Baca gives it all she's got in order to get the ball over the net. 2. Varsity members are, left to right, 1st row: Frances Mata, Carla Del Frate. 2nd row: Debbie Padilla, Berlinda Berela, Stephanie Molina, Ms. Gloria Vigil. 3rd row: Pam Hargrove, Therese Holguin, Lori Hicks, Barbara Baca. 3. B-Team players move into action against the Warriors. 4. B-team members are, left to right (#120) Bernadette Aragon, Jeanee Saavadra, Annette Mata, Wanda Jordan, Carmela Tafoya, Lea Trujillo, Madie Mirabal, Ms. Sheryl Clemmer, Lisa Tafoya.



B-Team



S O F T B A L L



T R A C K



T E N N I S

SOFTBALL, TRACK, TENNIS

1. Softball team members are, left to right, 1st row: Alice Carter, Annette Mata, Manager Bernadette Aragon, Marquette Hernandez. 2nd row: Angela Bryant, Jennie Monceballes, Debbie Taylor, Stacey Gomez, Rose Tartaglia. 2. Continuing group: Jeanne Saavedra, Kathy Fuentes, Berlinda Barela, Wanda Jordan. 2nd row: Patty Summer, Laurie Paul, Donna Garcia, Therese Holguin, Debbie Padilla, Coach Gloria Vigil. 3. Track members, left to right, ROW 1: Laverna Harrison, Nadine Gonzales, Sheryl Clemmer (Coach), Judy Love, Theresa Reyes. 2nd row: Katrina Collier, Lori Hicks, Barbara Baca, Judy Jones. 4. Continuing group, 1st row: Linda Bustos, Lisa Tafoya, Michelle Jones, Rochelle Merrill, Lydia Herrera. 2nd row: Cindy Gonzales, Pam Hargrove, Madie Mirabal, Anne Schneider, Concepcion Teupell. 5. Tennis members are, left to right, 1st row: Katie Rose, Gaylene Saracino, Juanita Vigil, Tina Salazar. 2nd row: Laurie Harvey, Diana Rolfe, Venus Summers, Carmela Tafoya, Coach Velma Swendson.

VARSITY



1. Varsity team members are, left to right, 1st row: Marty Valencia, Joe Sprunk, Filomeno Chavez, Lawrence Serna. 2nd row: Manager Debbie Garcia, Billy Lucero, Joe Zamora, Mike Molina, Larry Sonntag, Dino Vallejos. 3rd row: Manager Vira Chavez, Coach Ken Johnson, Frank Chavez, Leonard Rue, Danny Jordan, David Lovato, Bobby Sanchez, Robert Chavez, Manager Pat Weaver. 2. Trying out for B-Team catcher is not an easy job.

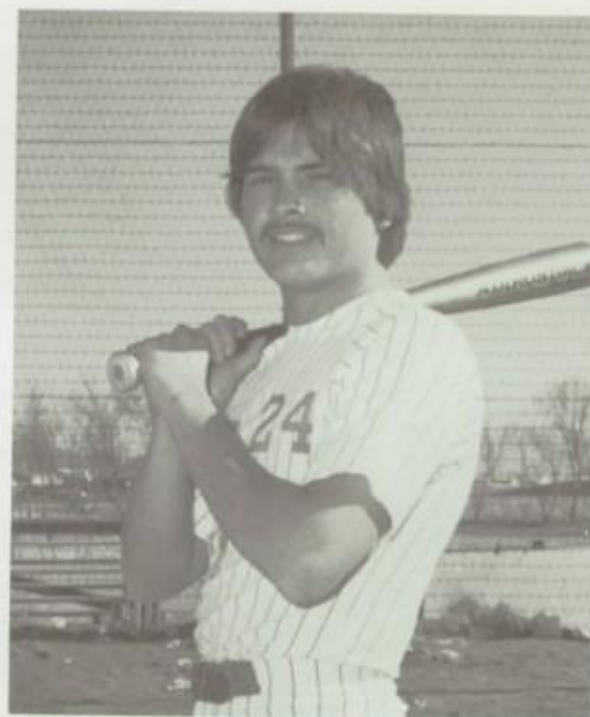




Danny Jordan



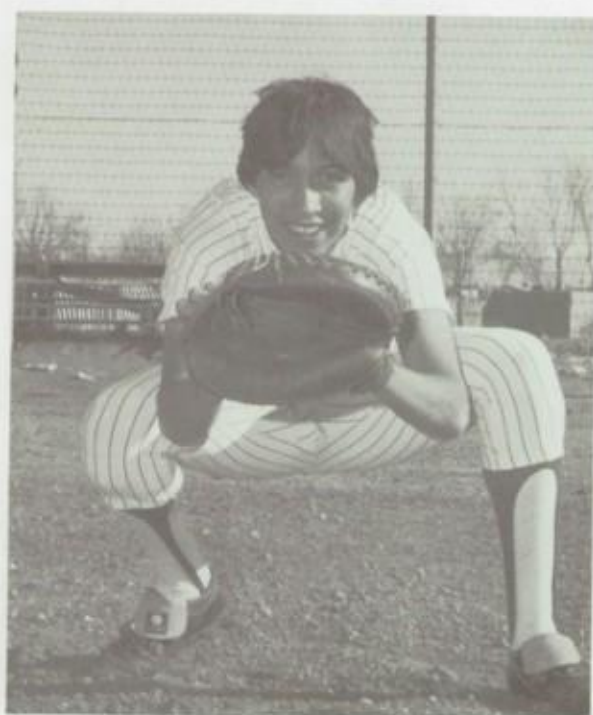
David Lovato



Billy Lucero



Dino Vallejos



Mike Molina



Lawrence Serna



Joe Sprunk



Joe Zamora

SCHEDULE

March	12	Rio Grande
March	16	Cibola
March	23	Eldorado
March	24	Manzano
March	27	Espanola
March	30	Sandia
April	3	A.H.S.
April	6	Del Norte
April	7	Eldorado
April	10	Los Alamos
April	15	Tournament
April	19	Valley
April	20	Highland
April	24	Farmington
April	27	Manzano
May	1	Santa Fe
May	4	Sandia
May	8	Gallup
May	10	Highland
May	20	State Tournament

SENIOR PLAYERS

C-Team



C-TEAM BASEBALL

1. C-team members are, left to right, 1st row: Anthony Gonzales, Wade Lujan, Nick Saavedra, Philip Via, John Rael. 2nd row: Ricky Paul, Anthony Ambrogi, Daral Nester, Tony Garcia, Jeff Sanchez, Authur Prairie, Coach Curtis Salmon. 2. Continuing group, 1st row: Steve Espinosa, David Lopez, Manuel Garcia, Anthony Rodriguez, Martin Gallegos. 2nd row: Tom Summers, Matthew Taylor, Marty Russell, Bobby Chavez, Jose Sedillo, Manager Liz Gonzales.



Tennis



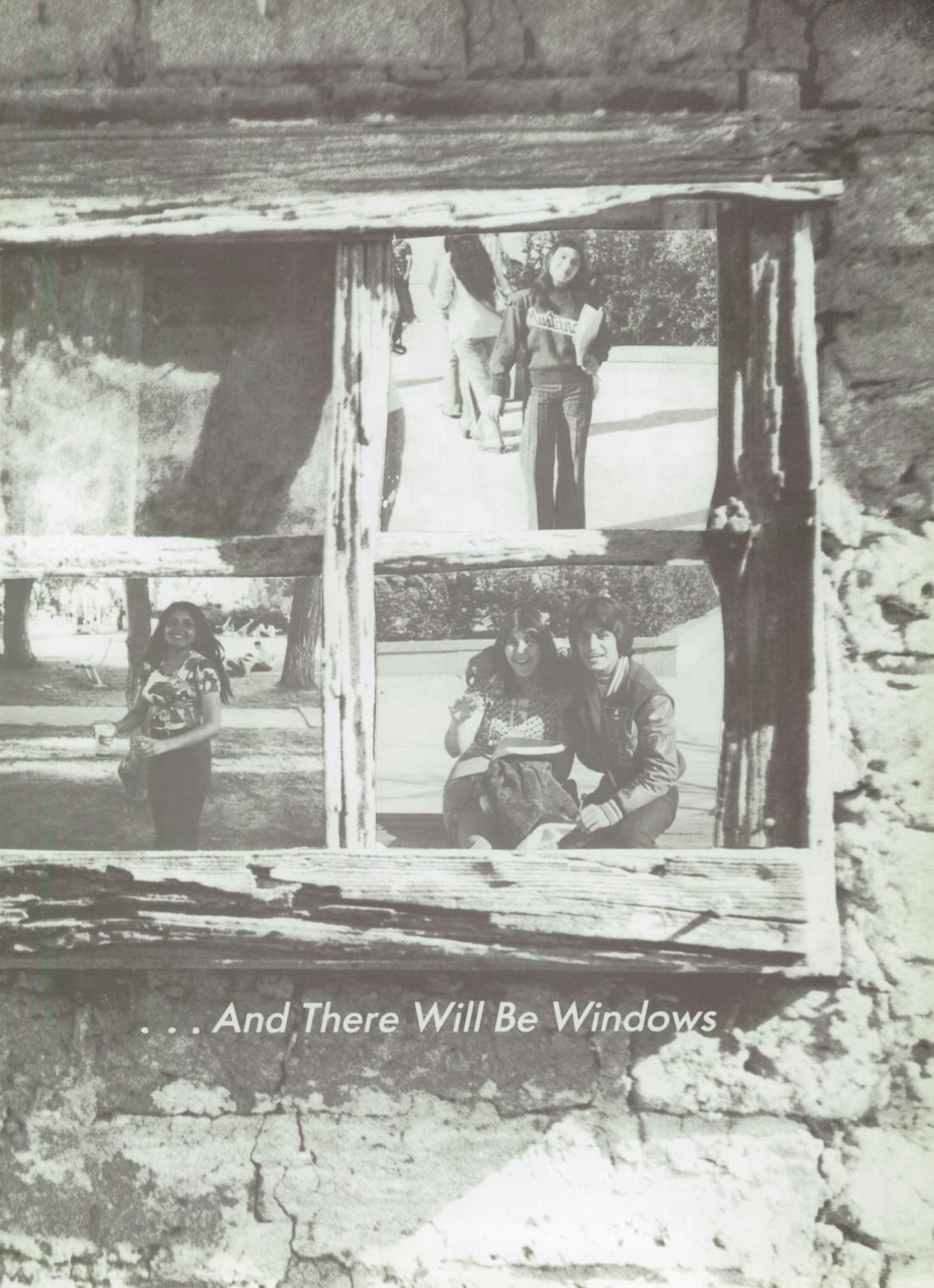
TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE		OPP.
March	5	Sandia
March	12	A.H.S.
March	22	Rio Grande
March	25	Valley
March	27	Espanola
March	29	Highland
April	1	A.H.S.
April	3	Gallup
April	10	Los Alamos
April	24	Farmington
April	24	Las Cruces
April	28	Sandia
May	1	Santa Fe
May	4	Cibola
May	7	District Tournament
May	14	State Meet

1. Tennis members are, left to right, 1st row: John Davis, Chris Fuentes, John Gustafson, Lenny Wolfe. 2nd row: Robert Davis, Cedrick Allrunner, Russel Hall, Coach J. J. Rivera. Not pictured: Mike Mondragon, Matthew Romero.



UNDERCLASSMEN



... And There Will Be Windows

Juniors' Goal Successful Jr.-Sr. Prom

Margaret
Portillos
President



Cathy
Cordova
Vice President



Loretta
Chavez
Secretary



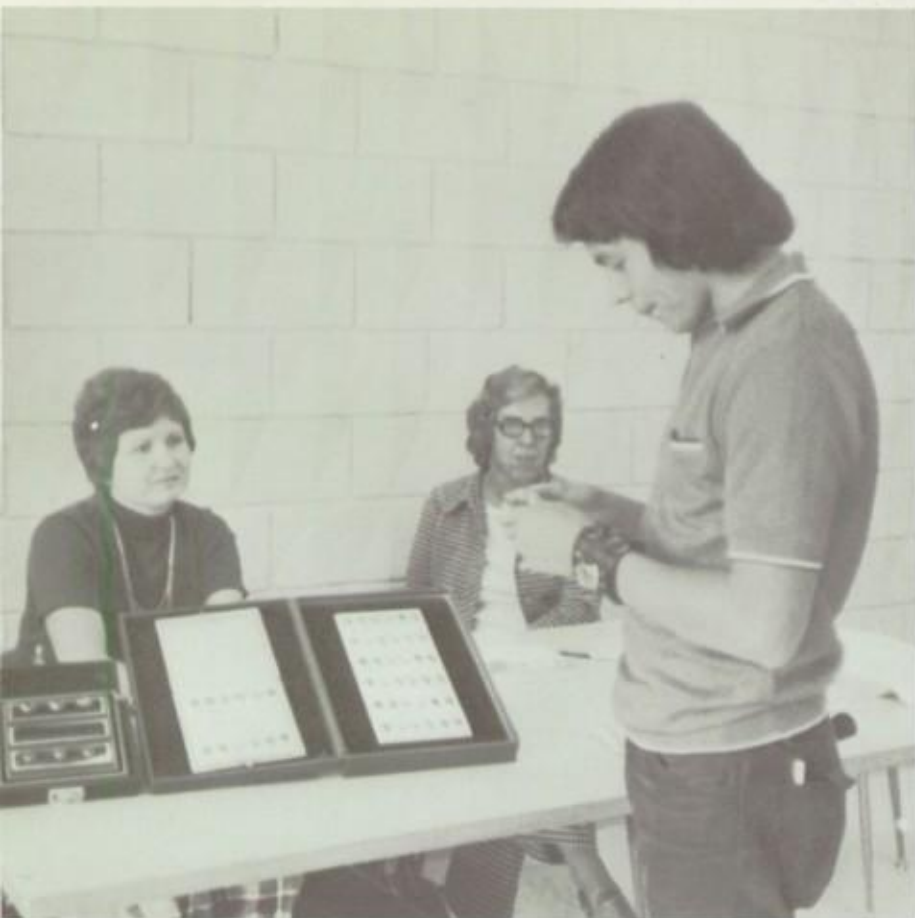
Pam Griego
Treasurer



Mrs. Arthur: I never knew it cost so much money to put on a prom!
Mrs. Drake: I wonder if they'd go for a sock-hop in A Foyer!

JUNIOR CLASS

This year the Junior Class has had two intelligent, not to mention, pretty sponsors. They are Mrs. Midge Arthur and Mrs. Toni Drake. Both have been really involved with the class officers in fund-raising projects like the selling of daisies, Valentine Tel-O-Grams, and many more. All of this effort has gone toward the success of the Junior-Senior Prom. The energetic officers this year chosen by the Juniors were Margaret Portillos, President; Cathy Cordova, Vice President; Pam Griego, Treasurer; and Loretta Chavez, Secretary.



"Let's see, shall I get a ruby or a diamond?" Tony Gonzales puzzles while choosing a class ring.



Carolyn Abeita
Stephen Ames
Theresa Apodaca

Ann Abeita
Cecilia Anaya
Yolanda Archibeque

Liz Alderete
Joe Anaya
Donald Aragon

Olivia Alvarez
Lorraine Apodaca
Rebecca Aragon

Debbie Aranda



West Mesa High School's NJROTC performs its best at the Christmas Parade on Central Avenue.



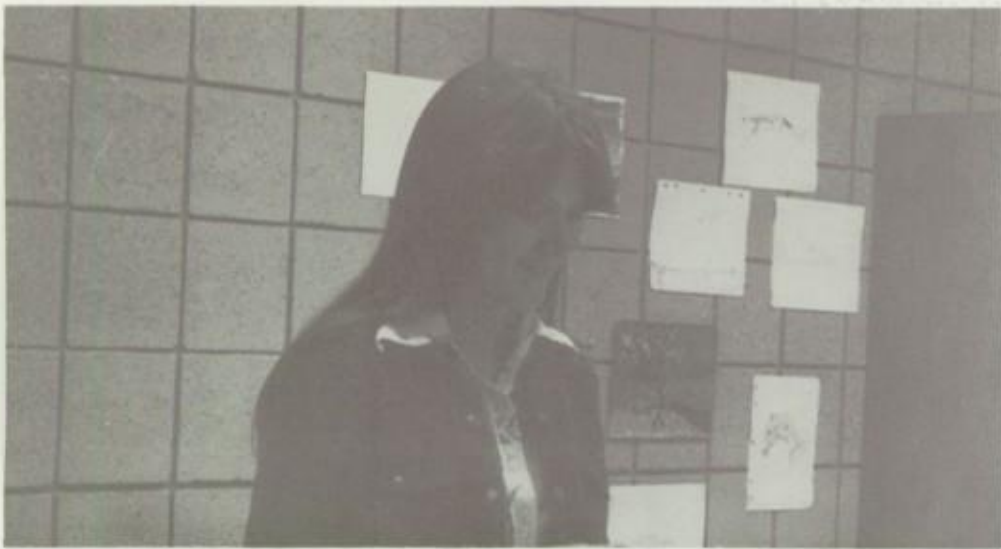
Arnold Baca

Ricky Armijo
Greg Baca

Yvonne Aranda
Robert Armijo
James Baca

Anita Armijo
Jeff Arrington
Johanna Baca

Connie Armijo
Deborah Ashlock
Loretta Baca



Mrs. Hoeberling starts her day with a welcoming smile.

“Well, Three Years Down, One To Go”



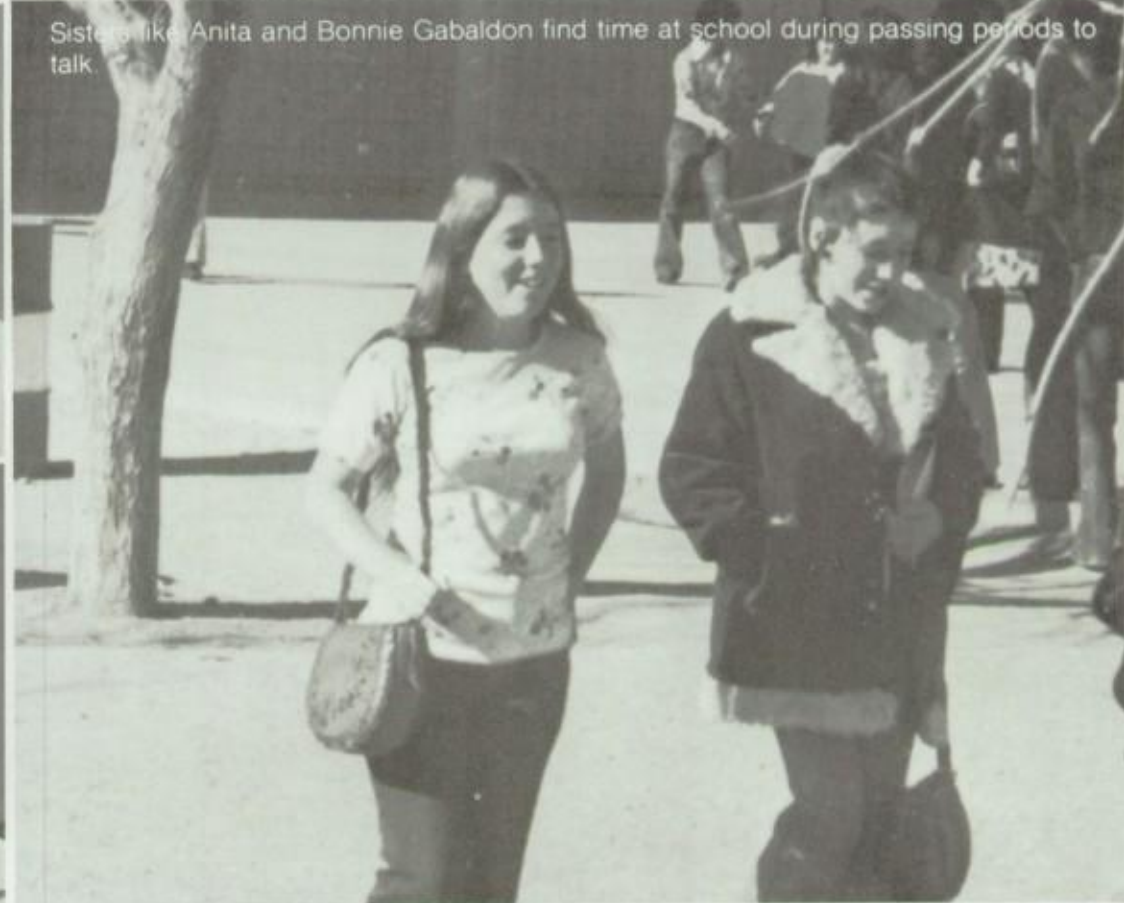
Ramona Baca
Bill Barclay
Andrew Bear
Guy Berger

Willie Baca
David Barela
Danny Benavidez
Pam Berry

Catherine Baldonado
Salina Barreras
Ronald Benninghoff
Anita Brito



Cathy Cordova stands and introduces herself for the elections of Junior Class officers.



Sisters like Anita and Bonnie Gabaldon find time at school during passing periods to talk.



Geraldine Cantu
Carol Castellano

Victor Candelaria
Debbie Casaus
Esther Castillo

Myra Burgess
Prescilla Castillo

Kathryn Brower
Paul Byatt
Ray Castillo

Martin Brown
Tim Caffrey
Martin Cervantes

Music We Liked: "Let's Do It Again."



Junior Class President Margaret Portillos faces the voters.

Angela Chavez
Bernadine Chavez
Chris Chavez
Frank Chavez
Marie Chavez

Edward Chavez
Emma Chavez
Frank Chavez
Phyllis Chavez

Loretta Chavez
Randy Chavez

Margie Chavez
Richard Chavez

Robert Chavez

Juniors: "Anytime Is Party Time!"



Mr. Garcia listens to one of his questions finally being answered.



Pam Coefield
Evelyn Cordova

Robert Chavez
James Collier
Morris Cordova

Steve Chavez
Luvín Contreras
Martin Crespin

Vera Chavez
Nancy Contreras
Debbie Davis

Yvonne Chavez
Catherine Cordova
Thomas Davis



Mario Elizondo



Gino DelFrate
Beverly Diaz
Carlos Duran
Frank Espinosa
Bruce Fishel

Billy DeRaad
Crystal Dodd
Rick Duran
Sandra Espinosa
Tammy Ford

Albert Duran
Bill Edwards
Georgeanne Evans
Tina Ford

Norbert Gutierrez breathes a sigh of relief as another hard day ends in a bus ride home.



You can always tell a Mustang by his Ultra Brite smile.



Alfred Gallegos
Debbie Garcia

Andrew Gallegos
Denise Garcia

Manuel Franco
Robert Gallegos
Diane Garcia

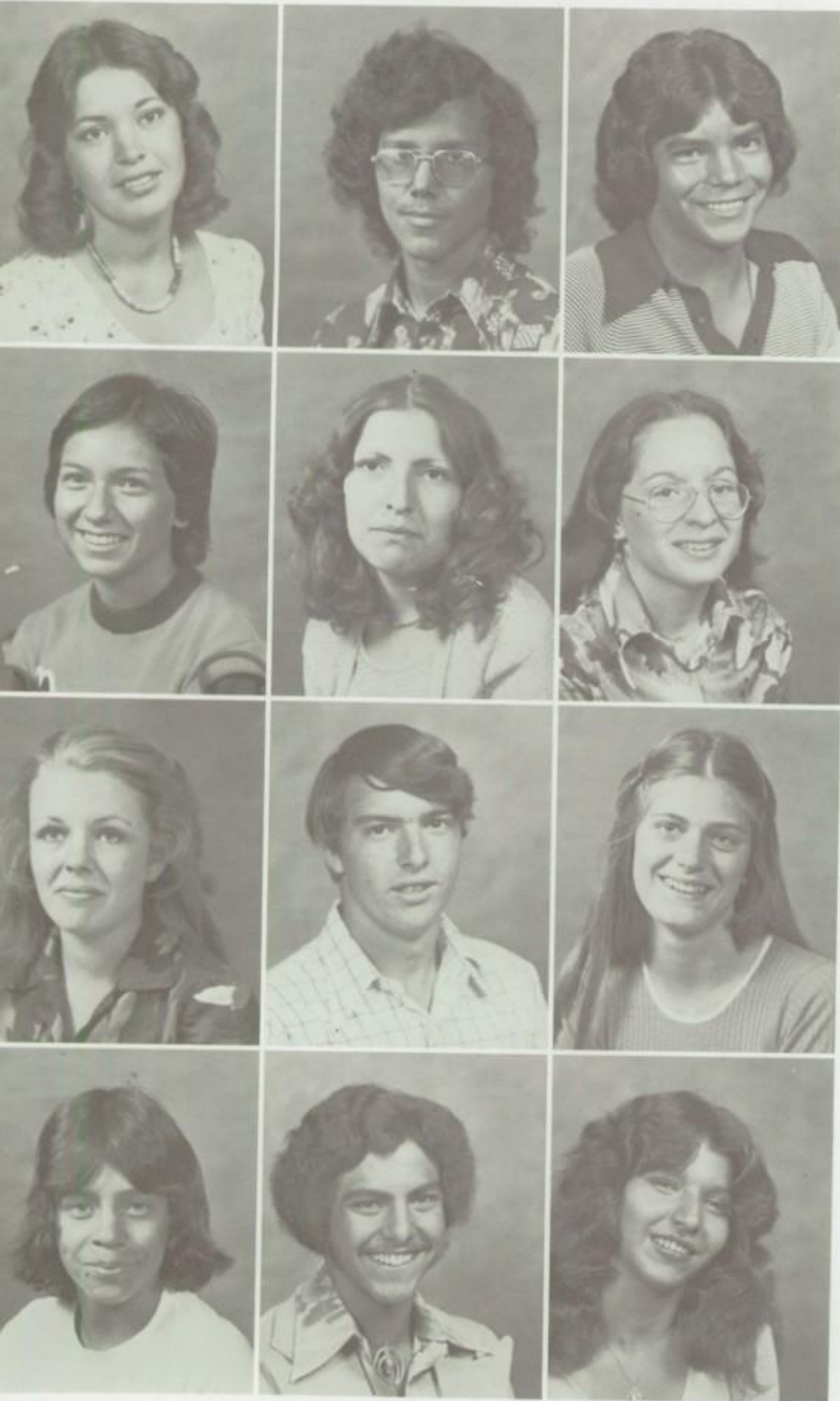
Melinda Gabaldon
Sarah Gallegos
Donald Garcia

Jennifer Gaddis
Stephen Gallegos
Joe Garcia



Our Fillies show off some '50's style enthusiasm at halftime.

“Vamos A McDonalds,” Junior Slogan



Myra Trujillo
Andrea Garcia
Anne Gladish
Andrew Gonzales

Richard Garcia
Susan Garcia
Jeff Glascock
Anthony Gonzales

Ricky Garcia
Virginia Garcia
Gigi Goers
Antonette Gonzales



Although our opponent is temporarily ahead, Myra Trujillo still has confidence in the West Mesa Mustangs.

*Another Junior Slogan:
 "Two All Beef Patties,
 Special Sauce, Lettuce,
 Cheese . . ."
 And All The Rest Of
 That Good Stuff.*



Pam Griego
 Lydia Gurule

Bernadette Guliford
 Margaret Gurule



Leroy Valencia a future Mustang what things are like in "Horse City."

Ronald Gonzales

Julian Gonzales
 Tony Gonzales

Fred Gonzales
 Richard Gonzales
 Angela Griego



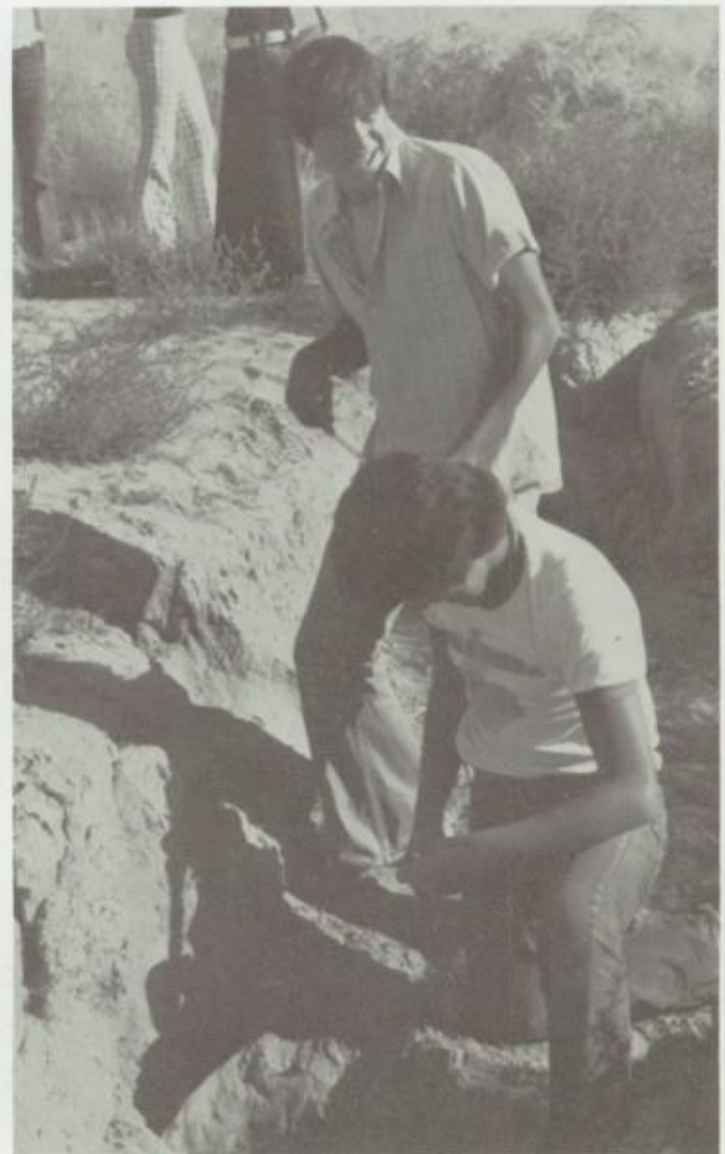
Do you spot any ditchers? They're usually here.



John Gutierrez
Carlton Hall
Anthony Hernandez
Albert Herrera

Johnny Gutierrez
Ricky Hampshire
Larry Hernandez
Barbara Herrera

Tony Gutierrez
Eileen Harmer
Paula Hernandez
Donna Herrera



Are you sure you buried it here?



West Mesa High School students stand at attention while the national anthem is played.



Jerald Hubert

Rosalie Herrera
James Isaacs

Gilbert Herrera
Cecile Hobbs
Bernadette Jaramillo

Leonard Herrera
Carrie Hornkohl
Chico Jaramillo

Patrick Herrera
Robert Houston
Denise Jaramillo

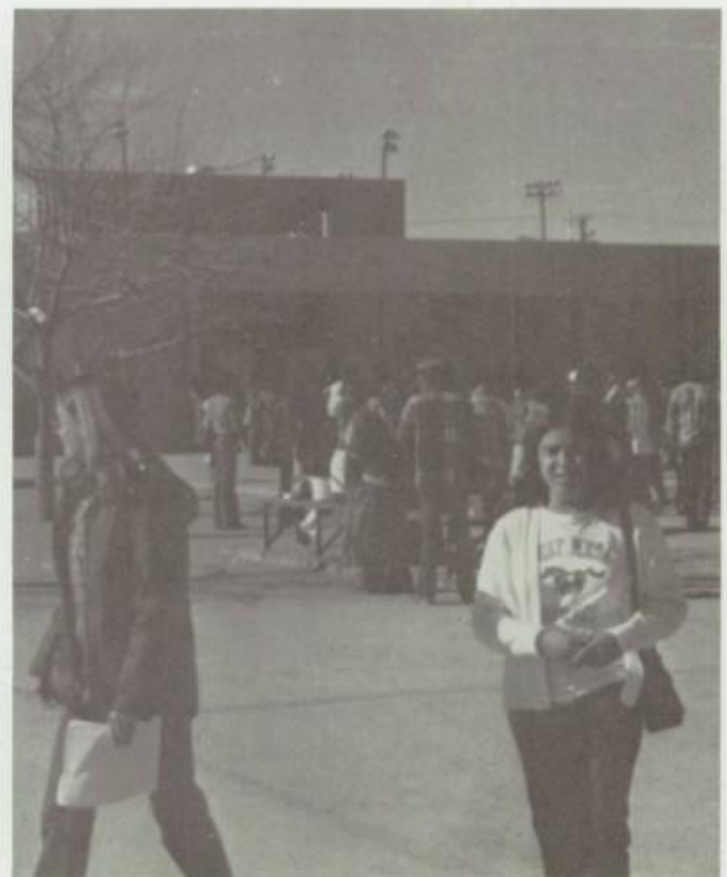
Some Say That These Juniors Could Boogie Before They Could Walk.



Evelyn Jaramillo
JoAnn Jaramillo
Piper Keith
Kevin Kolozsy
Marcia Laws

Michelle Jones
Jack Kellis
Gerald Krontz
Christine Lee

Keith Kolozsy
Joyce LaJeunesse
Cecilia Lennens



Carmella Tafoya and Liz Sanchez walk their separate ways to class.

*People We Liked:
Elton John,
Mrs. Gabaldón,
Ronald McDonald.*



Michaelle Sanchez is figuring out what to take to her next class.



Christine Lopez
Bernadine Lovato

Annette Lerke
Doris Lopez
Karen Lovato

Rachel Leyba
Ignacio Lopez
Pauline Lovato

Robby Loomis
Rose Lopez
Ruben Lovato

Bobby Lopez
Becky Lovato
Theresa Loyato



Victor Lovato
Judy Love
Mayson Lucero
Sandra Lucero
Frank Lujan

Harold Love
Angela Lucero
Liz Lucero
Steve Lucero
Arthur Luna

Annette Lucero
Richard Lucero
Charlotte Lujan
Geri Luna



Dennis Lucero



"And then I told him if he ever said that again I'd hit him with my purse!"



Cathy Montoya is ready with a smile to check out the book of your choice.



Karen Martinez
Elena Medina

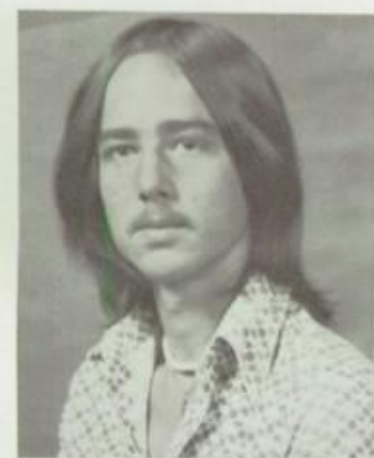
Yolanda Maestas
Louie Martinez
Brian Meikel

Angie Martinez
Ricky Martinez
Cecil Mercer

Della Martinez
Liz Matlock
Rochelle Merrills

Joseph Martinez
Sidney McQueen
Darlene Mitchell

Juniors "Breeze" Through U.S. History, Biology, Spanish III, And Other Snap Courses.



Mr. Vigil fights off hunger pangs, as students obey the sign.



Donnie Modzelewski
Michael Molina
Patricia Monk
Sylvia Montes
JoAnn Montoya

Michael Mondragon
Michael Montano
Alfred Montes de Oca
Lester Montoya

Cathy Montoya
Mike Montoya

Janice Montoya
Russell Montoya

Angela Mora



Monica Moya boogies with Cha-Cha Chile and Bumping Bean.



Donna Okeson

Christine Munoz
Rosie Olguin

Evelyn Mora
Kevin Murphy
Michael Ornelas

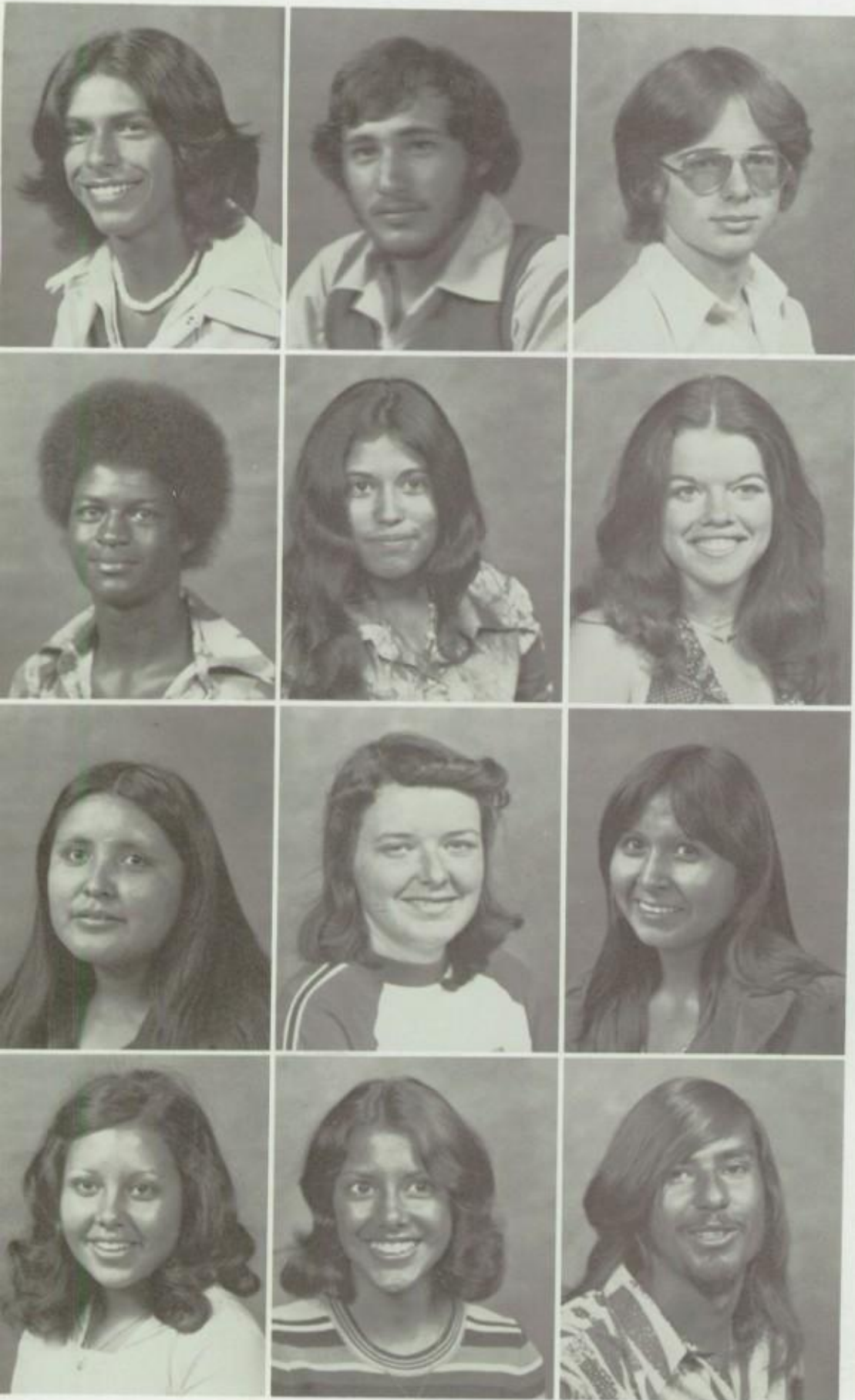
Adrian Morales
Rick Navarro
Michael Ortega

Monica Moya
Debbie Nicasio
Randy Ortega



Mrs. Tompkins's fingers fly over the keys as she types another crucial memo.

*Who Said No One
But Seniors Could
Go To The Pizza
Hut? Juniors Like It
"Thick And
Chewy!"*



Anthony Ortiz
John Pearson
Tina Piaso
Margaret Portillos

Gerald Ortiz
Jeanette Perez
Deborah Pitsford
Greta Quezada

Mitch Ortiz
Bobbie Jo Peterson
Sara Platero
Larry Quintana



Candidates Anita Armijo and Christine Lee greet their public at assembly-time.

“Do We Really Have To Write A Research Paper Next Year?”



Special guest, Bob Lind, singer and composer of “Elusive Butterfly” holds a seminar for English classes.



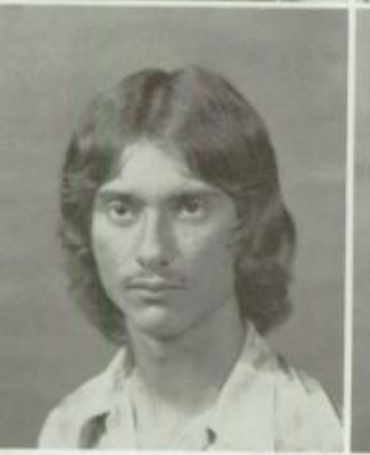
Rose Rivera
Corine Romero

Ron Reser
Michael Rodriguez
Debra Romero

Elizabeth Reyes
Mike Rodriguez
Kathy Romero

Loretta Reyes
Vicent Rodriguez
Pat Romero

Alfred Rivera
Antonio Romero
Ronald Romero



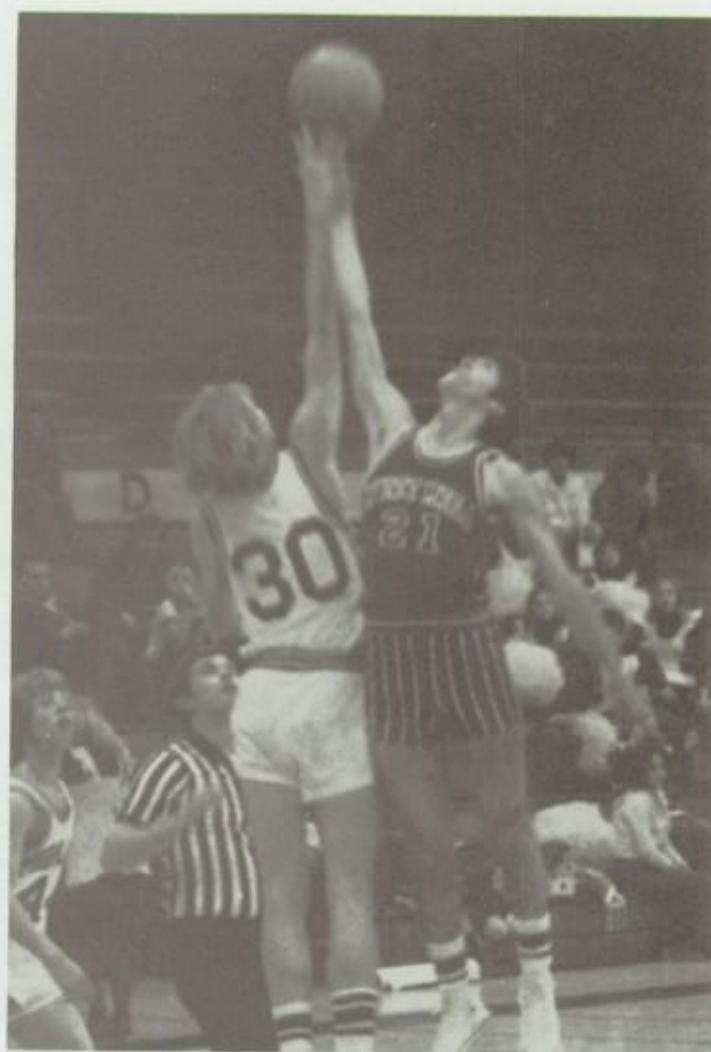
Suzanne Romero
Christina Rose
Frankie Ruiz
Debbie Saiz
Mike Salas

Margaret Ramirez
Bernard Rowe
Dolores Saavedra
Louie Saiz
Richard Salas

Darlene Roybal
Ralph Saavedra
Sammy Saiz
Angela Salazar



Leonard Rue



Paul Sanchez's jump gives him the extra inch needed to get us the ball.



Jacob Apodaca and Anna Tafoya try to cheer Rose Lopez out of her blues.



Nick Salazar
Felix Sanchez

Theresa Salazar
Larry Sanchez

Carl Salazar
Anthony Salcido
Liz Sanchez

Joseph Salazar
Anthony Sanchez
Michael Sanchez

Loretta Salazar
Bobby Sanchez
Ross Sanchez



*But I Thought L.E.U.
Stood
For "Lettuce Eaters
Unlimited."*

Diane Garcia has that good feeling you get when you've just handed in a huge assignment on time.



Timothy Sanchez
Steve Sandoval
Steve Sena

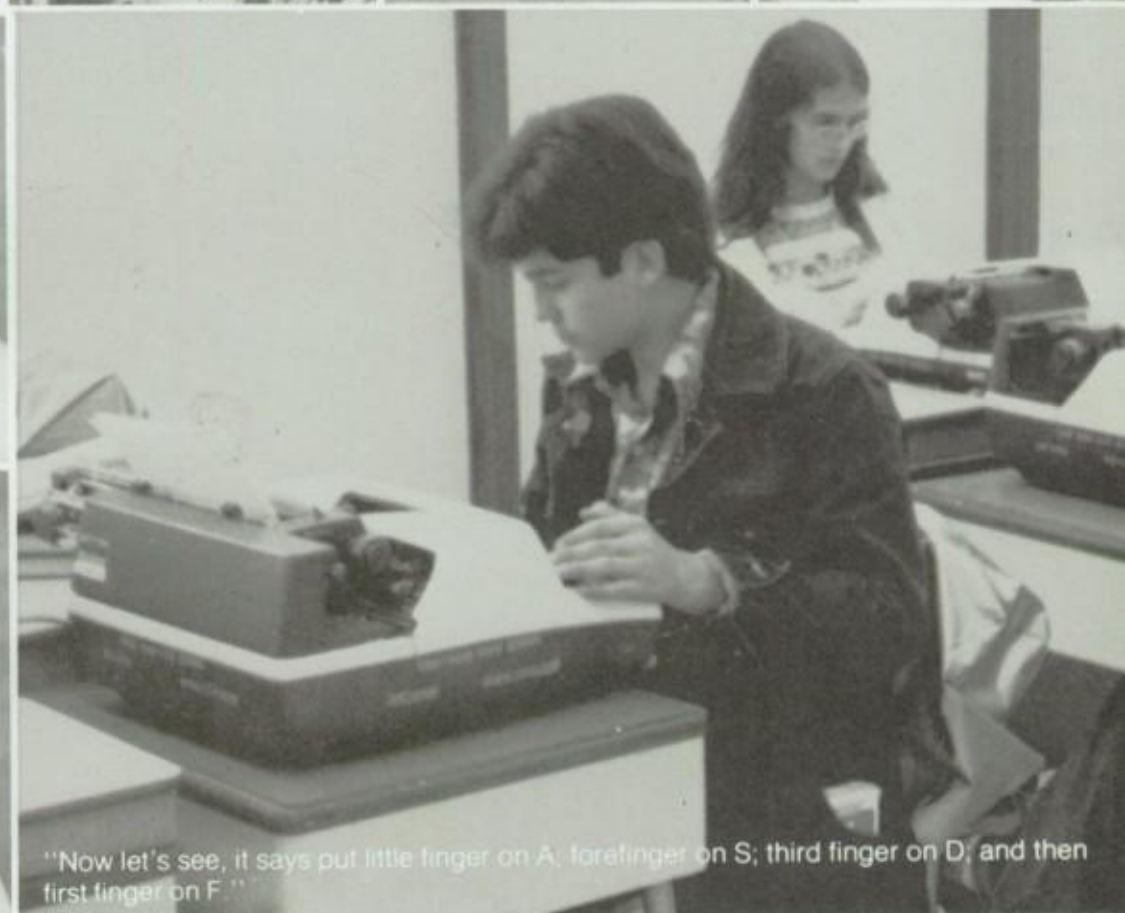
Tony Sanchez
Ronnelle Sansone
Terry Sherman

Bertha Sandoval
Glenn Schoonover
Brenda Shock

David Sandoval
Max Sedillo
Jude Sisneros

Ronald Sedillo
Danny Skinner

Mustang City Is A Proud Place



Michael Stead
Tommy Stevens

Michael Sprunk
Sandy Stephens
David Stewart

Julie Smith
Cathy Summers

Laura Skinner
Larry Sonntag
Anna Tafoya

Gina Slack
Judy Southard
Carmela Tafoya



Edwina Tafoya



"This is deadly, dull, darling. Let us depart for McDonalds for a burger."

Helen Tafoya
Rosalie Tafoya
Roger Tenorio
Paul Torres
Gilbert Trahan

Lillian Tafoya
Cathy Tafoya
Joyce Torres
Priscilla Torres
Eileen Trout

Deborah Tafoya
Martin Torres
Valerie Torres
Bobby Trujillo



John Luna gets bunny ears from Marty Gurule.



Leroy Valencia

Robert Urias
Donna Valenzuela

Clara Trujillo
Jolene Vahle
Anthony Vallejos

Myra Trujillo
Mary Ann Valdez
Arthur Valverde

Josie Ural
Fernando Valencia
Ernestine Valverde

*“Parking Sticker, Sir?
Well, uh, I’ve
Been Meaning To Buy
One Of Them.”*



Someone's actually gonna buy one.



Albert Vargas
Meryl Vasquez
Mithy Vigil
Lisa VillaNueva
Manny Winters

Connie Vigil
Kenneth Vigil
Tracey Ward
Donna Zagurski

Pat Weaver
Pete Zamora

Rudy Zamora

Sophomores Have Big Ideas And Plans

Vickie
Ayala
President



Barbara Baca
Vice President



Liz
Sanchez
Secretary



David Lujan
Treasurer



Ms. Barnes: Janie, it says here that we've made almost enough money for our prom next year!

Mrs. Horton: Just a minute. Let me sit down in my beanbag chair so I can get over the shock!



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Sponsoring the Sophomore Class were Ms. Patricia Barnes and Mrs. Janie Horton. The class officers participated in fund-raising projects this year which included a "Dedicated to all Athletes" dance and also a booth for one of the school carnivals. They have high hopes of being able to have a really nice Junior-Senior Prom next year and are working toward that goal. The Sophomore Class Officers are Vickie Ayala, President; Barbara Baca, Vice President; Liz Sanchez, Secretary; and David Lujan, Treasurer.



Rachel Anaya
Fred Apodaca

Lorraine Apodaca



Lynette Chavez pauses a moment while studying in the library.

Anthony Abeyta
Chris Abeyta
Mark Almaraz
Steve Andrade
Jacob Apodaca
Regina Aragon

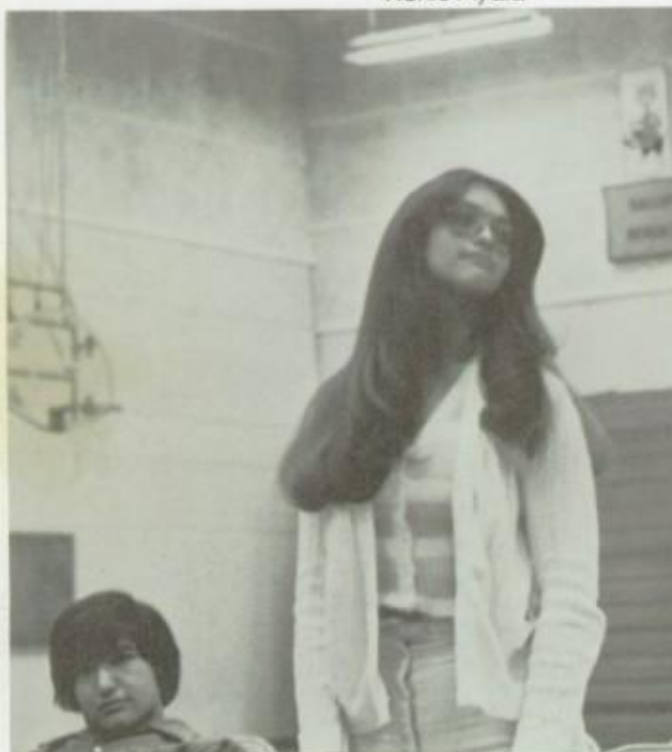
Barbara Abeyta
Gary Allen
Cedric Allrunner
Laura Angel
Henry Aragon
Rudy Aragon

Michael Allen
Enrique Alvarado
Eileen Apodaca
Louie Aragon
Yvonne Aragon



David Artiaga
Vickie Ayala

Mr. Spreacker ready to roll 'em.



Gilbert Herrera and Pam Griego have a moment of stage fright before giving their speeches.



Carlos Arias
Frances Ashlock
Phyllis Ayers
Barbara Baca
Christine Bronson

Carmen Archibeque
Raymond Armijo
Charlotte Atler
Albert Baca
Victor Bustos
Theresa Brock

Judy Archibeque
Debbie Bustos
Chris Briceno

David Archuleta
Donna Brown
Cynthia Brazell



Yep, that's Nora Torres, ready to staple.

Sophomores Are "Lookin' Good"



Cecilia Baca
Robert Baca
Sylvia Barela
Ronnie Benavidez

Gene Baca
Steve Baca
Dolores Baros
Ronnie Benavidez

Lori Baca
Scott Bailey
Martin Barros
Wayne Bennett

Lawrence Baca
Dale Baliz
Raymond Barros
Anthony Blackshear

Susan Barela
Estelle Barela
Robert Blackshear

Jack Barry
Charles Blea

Jesse Blea

Music We Liked: "Get Down Tonight"



Claurice Hall registers for another year.



George Carrillo
Liz Castro

Albert Caouette
Tammy Carruthers
Charlotte Chavez

Amanda Carbajal
Philip Casias
Debbie Chavez

Maria Cardenas
Stacy Castillo
Debbie Chavez

Jimmy Blea
Alfred Bourguet
Eddie Cahill
David Candelaria

Sandra Boles
Gwen Bradley
Jeanette Campos
Kathy Candelaria



Players tensely await rebound time.





Mrs. Donna McAdams types so well, she can even do it facing backwards and smiling.



Denise Chavez Lucy Chavez Carol Cordova Monty Daniel	Linda Chavez Lynette Chavez Joseph Cordova John Davis	Loretta Chavez JoAnn Chavez Debbie Cox Robert Davis	Rod Chester Savanna Coefield Abigail Cordova Joe Cox Ponce DeLeon	Sam Contreras Alice Cordova Gail Crampton John Paul Devan	Michelle Crawford Robert Dilley
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Sophs: Yurnin' For Lurnin'



The beautiful center of Old Town Plaza.



Anna Fedele

Yolonda Elizondo
Jerry Fejeran

Terrianne Dohm
Mark Edlinger
Robin Emsing
Rosie Fejeran

Rosie Dimas
Evangeline
Elizondo
Mike Encinias
Leo Felix

Diana Duran
Bonnie Esparza
Jackie Figueroa

Rose Duran
David Duran
Raymond Esquivel
Danny Fisher

Kelly Duran
Tom Duncan
Gabriel Espinosa
Karla Flores



Mrs. Coffee explains an assignment to Mike Molina.



Karen Follo
Arlene Fietze
Julian Gallegos
Evelyn Garcia

Denise Franks
Chris Fuentes
Rhonda Gallegos
Felix Garcia

Raymond Fuentes
Stella Gallegos
George Garcia

Brenda Galbaldon
Greg Galbaldon
Andrea Garcia
Gino Garcia

Donald Gabaldon
Raul Gallardo
Debbie Garcia
Israela Garcia

Dorothy Garcia
Jeff Garcia



Hot air balloons ascend over the Sandia Mountains.



Nancy Gonzales

Abie Gonzales
Nora Gonzales

Shelly Garcia
Anthony Gonzales
Rudy Gonzales

Mark Garcia
Natalie Gaylord
Charles Gonzales
Robert Gonzales

Patty Garcia
Magdalena Gelabert
Harold Gonzales
Sylvia Gonzales

Philip Garcia
David Gerken
Michael Gonzales
Anthony Griego

Rosemary Garcia
Linda Godinez
Luz Gonzales
Danny Griego

Sophomores Overflowing With Personality And Poise



Seeing double? Delfine Trujillo makes an ideal subject for double exposure.



Robbie Griego
Mike Griego
Jul Guerrero
Aurice Hall

Frank Griego
Patricia Griego
Carol Gutierrez
Russell Hall

Lawrence Griego
Rita Griego
Daniel Gutierrez
Danny Hampshire

Ruben Griego
Pearl Gutierrez
David Hare

Margaret Hadley
Clinton Harrison

Laurie Harvey



Doris Garcia, Anna Lujan, and Tony Sanchez pause for a rest at the State Fair.



Gilbert Hinojos

Andy Higgins
Daniel Hinton

Lori Hicks
Ricky Hill
Diane Hinton

Anthony Hernandez
James Herrera

Kathy Hayes
Patricia Hernandez
Sammy Herrera

Dunae Heins
Billy Herrera
Vickie Herrera

*“Don’t Bug Me; I’ve
Had A Rough Year.”*



Raymond Hoffman
Barry Hopkins
Clarence James
Richard Jaramillo
Clara Jones
Donna Kamoss

Mike Holguin
Courtney Horn
Anthony Jaramillo
Margaret Jimenez
Debbie Jones
Carl Keith

Wendy Horn
David Jaramillo
David Jonson
Judith Jones
Olympia Kellis

JoAnn Jaramillo
Bryan Johnson

Gary Johnson

Mrs. Turner helps Sam Nelson improve his typing.



With 10 minutes between classes Wayne Bennett only wastes 2 minutes eating an apple.

Receptionist Suzie Thompson brews a mean pot of coffee for sleepy staff.



Bernadette Large
Kevin Lente

Debbie LeGrange
Diana Lee
Alan Lesene
Lauretta Linan
Donald Lopez

Tamra Kite
Karrie Lake
Ben Legarreta
Debbie LeSene
Duane Looper
Diana Lopez

Peter Klein
Joe Lopez
Diana Lopez

Martha Konwin
Jerome Lopez
Dennis Lopez



Connie Tapia, Julia Ortega, and Robbin Lucero enjoy a joke at the end of class.

Sophomores: "Once Is Not Enough."



Danny Lopez
Julie Lopez
Frank Lucero
Martha Lucero

Danny Roybal
Steve Lopez
Leonard Lovato
Robin Lucero

Cindy Lopez
Vince Lopez
Lenny Lovato
Joe Lueras

Alfred Lopez
John Lucero
Elizabeth Lovato
Edna Luna

Gerald Lucero
Charlene Lovato
Jolynn Luna

Loretta Lucero
David Lujan

Sophomores Are "On The Move."



Public speaking can give you a case of the giggles for sure.



Some of our favorite sights: the Rio Grande, the trees, and the Sandia Mountains.



Douglas Martine
Ernie Martinez

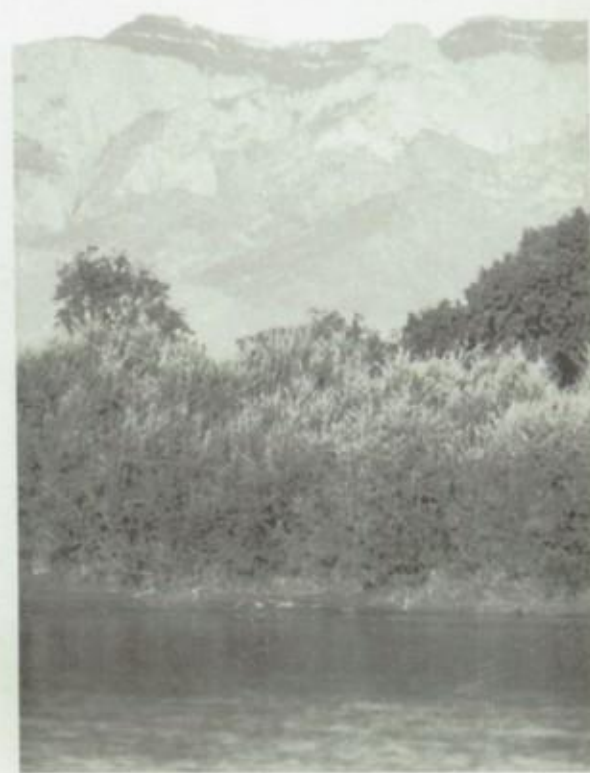
Rochelle Maldonado
Camillo Martinez
Gloria Martinez

Loretta Marquez
David Martinez
Loretta Martinez

Cesar Martin
Elaine Martinez
Louie Martinez

Brenda Maes
Andrew Maestas
Christine Maldonado
Jennie Maldonado

Sylvia Madrid
Ralph Maestas
Diana Maldonado
Robert Maldonado





The State Fair parade isn't complete without a caged clown.



Al Martinez
Frances Mata
Shanie Molinas
Frank Montano

Roger Martinez
Ralph Medina
Steve Molinas
Ralph Montano

Leonard Mascarenas
Debbie Mendoza
Jenny Monceballez
Wayne Montes

Roy Metzgar
Joseph Miera
Kenneth Mitchell
Lori Monceballez
Debbie Montoya

Melany Milford
Mary Molina
Brian Montano
Dennis Montoya

Carlos Montano
Elfego Montoya



Matthew Baca asks Mr. Vigil for help on a difficult translation.



Darlene Murphy

Danny Mosow
Mary McAndrew

Sherry Montoya
Jeanette Mora
Mike Moya
Gene McCallister

Berna Mora
Laura Mora
Richard Moya
Crystal McQueen

Gina Montoya
Dorothy Mulberry
Tim Nichols

Elizabeth Montoya
Len Montoya
Debbie Muniz
Carl Norkus

Elizabeth Montoya
Richard Montoya
Nick Munoz
Don Nuzzo



Do The Sophomores Really Yell The Loudest At Pep Assemblies?



Debbie Rue is full of enthusiasm at a pep assembly.



Michael O'Donnell
Lacy Olsen
Lydia Pacheco
Donald Padilla

Sandra Olivas
Connie Ornelas
Anthony Padilla
Steve Padilla

Joe Ortega
Clarabelle Padilla
Ann Paiz

Frank Orona
Marilyn Ortega
Dale Padilla
Ernest Paiz

Julia Ortega
Elaine Pablo
Elizabeth Padilla
Geri Paiz

Morris Padilla
Joe Paiz

“Remember The Rainy Day The School’s Power Went Out?”



Looking casual on purpose; waiting for someone special to walk by.



Luis Quintana

Ruth Piaso
Rebecca Quintana

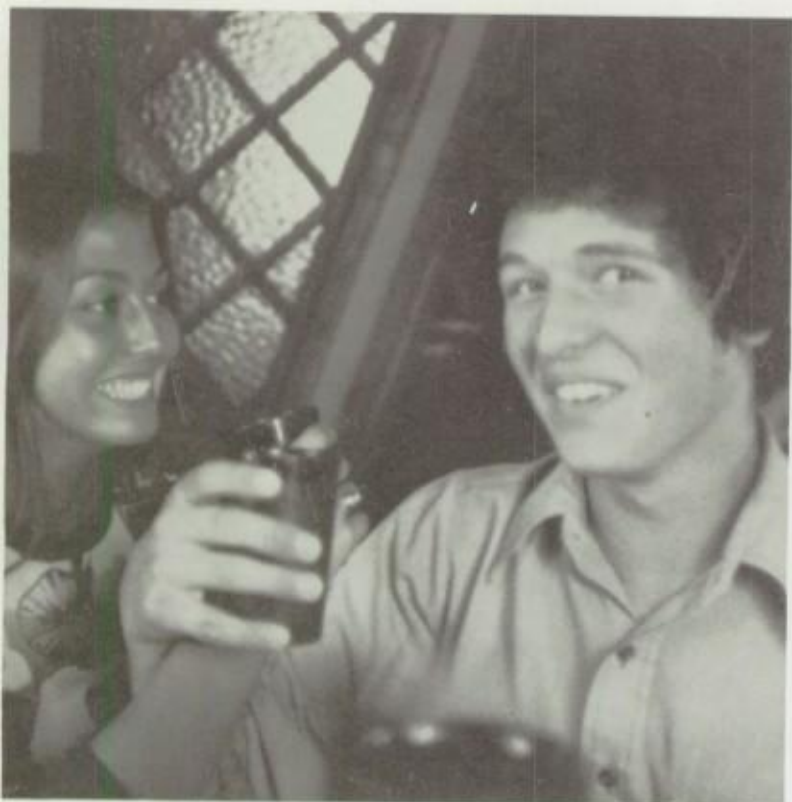
Cynthia Perea
Orlando Pino
Gina Quintero

Anita Parks
Lawrence Perea
Roberta Pino
Joseph Rael

Thomas Parks
Teresa Perez
Kristy Platero
Lupe Rael

Sylvia Parra
Debra Perkins
Pearl Platero
Bernard Ramirez

Clovis Perea
Bridget Phillips
Angela Quintana
Cynthia Ramirez



Margaret Sena and Mark Blea: Who's trying to drink what?



Teen Ramirez
Bernadette Redinger
Phillip Rivera
Chris Romero

Josephine Randles
Theresa Reyes
Dale Robinson
Denishia Romero

Rudy Rangel
Mary Richardson
Armando Robles
Michael Romero

Melisa Rivera
Susan Rodden
Rick Romero

Diana Rolfe
Roger Romero

Rosalie Romero

*“I Feel Like This
Bicentennial
Thing Has Been Run
Into The Ground”*



Vincent Salgado

Joseph Salcido
Edward Salsberry

Robert Salazar
Melly Saldana
Betty Sanchez



The Mustang marching band goes into formation at a half-time show.

Norma Ruiz
Ann Salazar

Manuel Ruby
Richard Saavedra
Bertha Salazar

Debbie Rue
Danny Salas
Elisa Salazar



Bobby Sanchez
Debbie Sanchez
Franklin Sanchez
Kim Sanchez
Richard Sanchez
Dave Sandoval

Connie Sanchez
Debbie Sanchez
Gina Sanchez
Lori Sanchez
Robert Sanchez
Jerry Sanchez

Dori Sanchez
JoAnn Sanchez
Marcos Sanchez
Rosanne Sanchez
Nazario Sandoval



Johnny Sanchez
Monica Sanchez

Raymond Sanchez

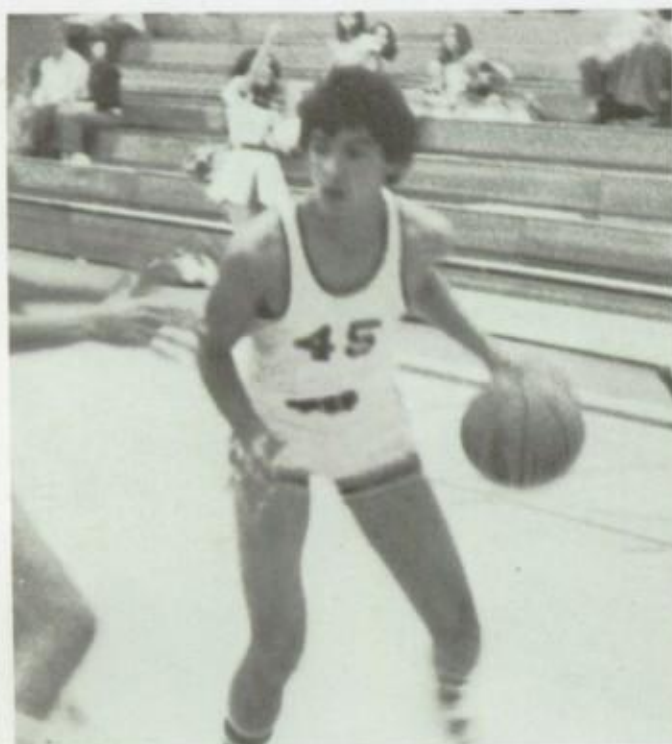


Yearbook class eats while listening to a guest speaker.



Richard Moya does a fancy dribble.

Stephanie Molinas prepares to smash the ball over the net.



David Sedillo
Randy Sedillo

Tim Schulte
Richard Sedillo
Rachelle Sedillo
Adele Segura
Mike Serna

Diana Sarracino
Kim Scott
Henrietta Sedillo
Henry Segovia
Anthony Sena
Bryan Shelter

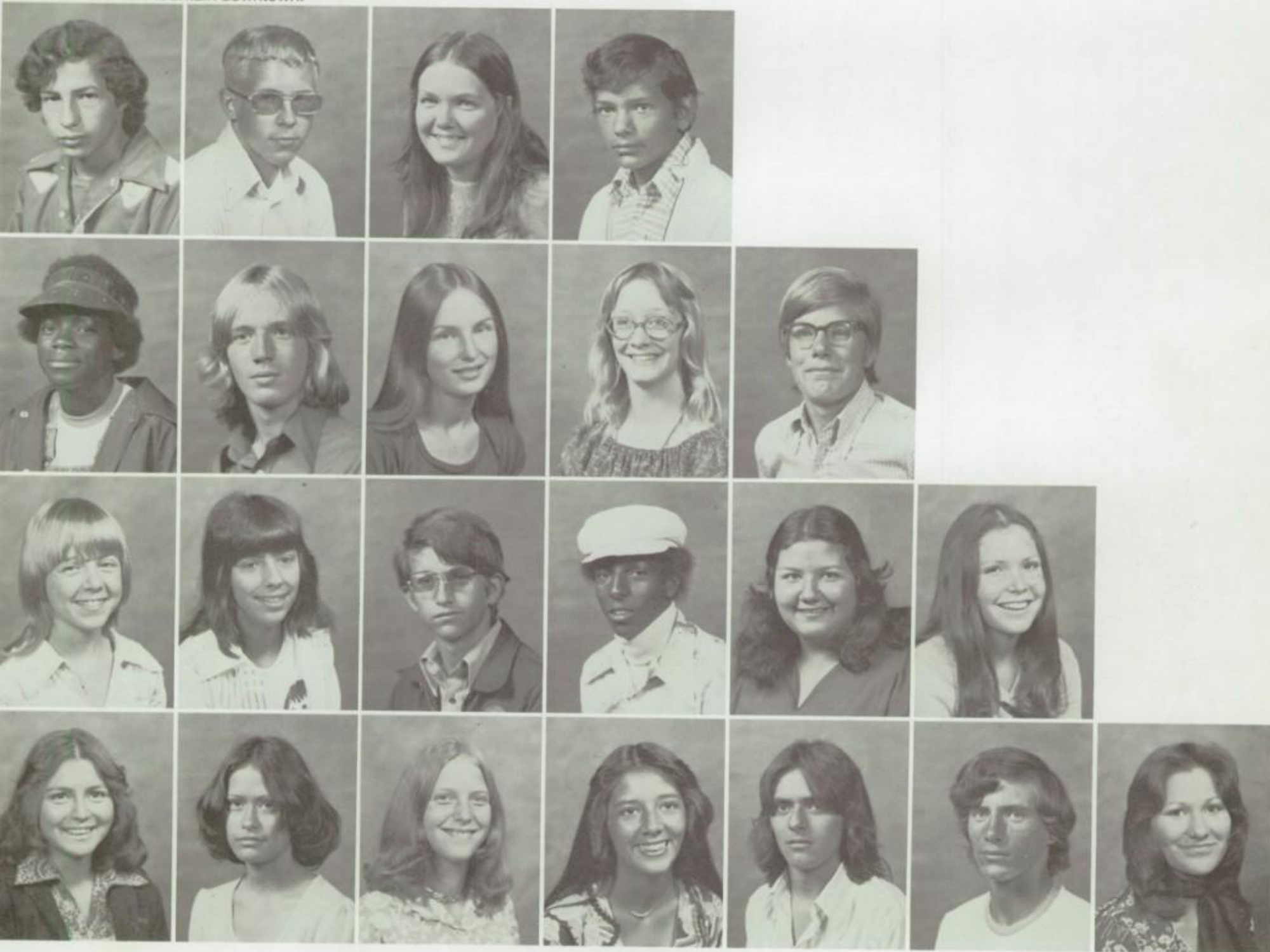
Gayle Sarracino
Cathy Sena
Renee Sheil

Anne Schneider
Leo Sepulveda
Anthony Sierra



If All Else Fails, You Can Always Ride The Activities Bus

Christine Maldonado, Debbie Chavez, and Dorothy Garcia test the water in the new fountain downtown.



bran Silva
Marshall Smith
Theryl Swain
Conception Teupell

Calvin Smith
Nick Stead
Gina Tarricone
Sandra Thais

Chery Smith
Ann Stephenson
Robert Taylor
Susan Tillen

Kelly Smith
Tammy Strain
Joeseeph Teague
Judy Torres

John Summers
Marsha Telles
Lawrence Torres

Debbie Tenorio
Mel Torres

Nora Torres

“Staters? I Thought They Were A New Rock Group.”



Early morning and late afternoon you'll find West Mesa High School's Band practicing faithfully.



Lela Velasquez

Bernard Valencia
Tina Verry

Mike Trujillo
Vickie Valenzuela
Debbie Vigil

Robert Torres
Martha Ulibarri
Ernest Vallegos
Eileen Vigil

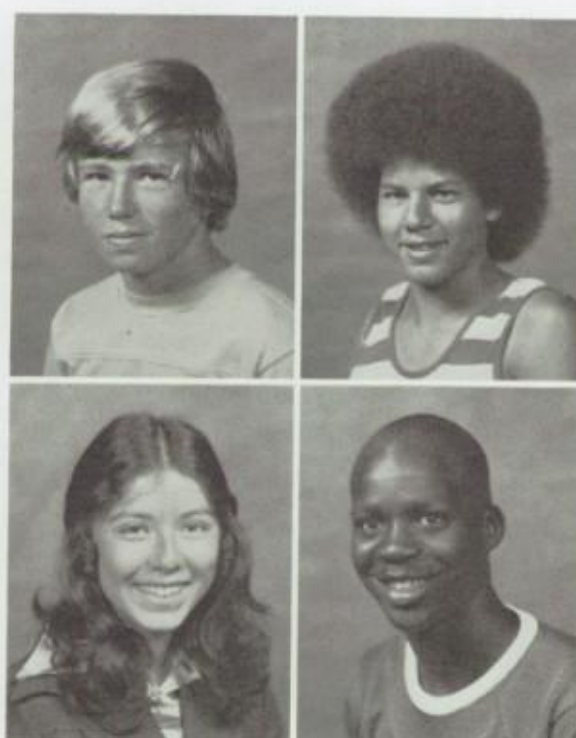
Phillip Torrez
Lorraine Valdez
Kimberly Vallier
Leonard Vigil

Danny Trujillo
Robert Valdez
Ray Van Why
Bill Wafer

Jessie Trujillo
Ymelda Valdez
Kurt Veerkamp
Anna Waldron



Mr. Drake gives his class a few pointers in metals.



ernon Wallace
z Weatherford
ey Williams
enneth Winters

Karl Waters
Denise Weitzel
Michael Williams
Christian Yanni

Jerry Watkins
Kelly White
Lora Willie
Leslie Yates

Tom White
Georgia Will
Carol Wilson
Arthur Zamora

Delano Whitney
Clint Williams
Chery Wilson
Robert Zamora

June Wilson
Tim Zimmerly

Frosh Officers Super-Organized Bunch

Cindy
Gonzales
President



Larry Trujillo
Vice President



Vivian
Muller
Secretary



Sandy
Dominguez
Treasurer



Ms. Lefton: I can't understand why that Hollywood Talent Scout who was at the Faculty Follies hasn't called us back!

FRESHMAN CLASS

Freshman Class started the school year off by selling suckers and gum. In April they held the Faculty Follies. Half the money they made they contributed it to the school to help landscape the patio. They also held a Nostalgia Dance during TWIRP week. The students recreated the 50's by dressing up. The girls came in long skirts with their hair tied back and wearing saddle oxfords. Many of the guys came dressed in straight legged pants, black leather jackets and greasy hair. Many of our teachers dug into their old high-school leftovers and wore old letter sweaters and class rings with their 50's garb. Ms. Lefton says, "The Freshmen are so enthusiastic and bursting with pride in their school."



Eating is one of the highlights of a school day.



Eager for a cafeteria special are Stefanie Sena, Joe Guardino, and George Truillo.



Donald Aguirre
El Alvarado
Alvarado
Apodaca
Aragon

Donald Altamirano
Anthony Ambrogi
Cesar Apodaca
Nick Apodaca
Ricky Aragon

Tony Altamirano
Danny Anaya
Eleanor Apodaca
Annette Aragon
Yolanda Aragon

Lorraine Abeita
Robbie Adams
Bernadette Aragon
Albert Aranda

Linda Ainsworth
Carmelita Aragon
Denise Aranda

Johnnie Aragon
Janet Aranda

Kristine Aragon
Jerry Archibeque

Those Sophomores Think They're So-o-o Bad!



Cindy Gonzales wows'em with her campaign speech.



Patricia Baca

Vickie Armijo
Jeffery Baca
Rafaelita Baca

Ronnie Archuleta
Linda Auerbach
Joe Baca
Shawn Baca

Annette Archuleta
Annette Armijo
Berlinda Baca
June Baca
Pamela Bachicha

Cynthia Archuleta
Gerald Armijo
Dennis Baca
Pat Baca
James Bailey

Mike Archuleta
Steven Armijo
Elizabeth Baca
Patricia Baca
Wanda Baird



No one can resist sunning on the patio, even the Boss himself.



Anna Barela
Anne Baronian
Marcy Bazan
Mark Begay
A Billia

Ruben Barela
Chris Barros
Paul Beare
Roland Begay
Kenneth Borunda

Patty Barros
Steven Beasley
Kyle Benninghoff
Georgia Bowens

Vickie Beazley
Robert
Benninghoff
Louie Baito

Patricia Bednorz
Eric Berger
Bernadette Brock

Warren Bronson



Hopeful candidate Larry Trujillo checks his notes over.



Kathy Carrillo



Christine
Candelaria
Donna Cantu
Bennie Carrington



Sammy Burge
Gabriel Candelaria
Dominic Carmona
Claude Carroll



Clifford Brown
Linda Bustos
James Candelaria
Angela Carrillo
David Casarez



Penny Brown
Laurie Campbell
Tina Candelaria
Gloria Carrillo
Diana Castillo



Brenda Bryant
Alfred Campos
Eddie Cannon
Johnny Carrillo
Anthony Castillo

Spelling Lesson We Liked: "S-A-T-U-R-D-A-Y Night!"



"Uh, excuse us please. We have to make an important stop."



a Castillo
se C De Baca
n Chandler
ise Chavez
cella Chavez

Albert C De Baca
Steve Centeno
Mike Chandler
Elizabeth Chavez
Mauricio Chavez

Edward Chacon
Anthony Chavez
Geneva Chavez
Richard Chavez

Bobby Chavez
Jeanette Chavez
Robert Chavez

Cresencio Chavez
John Chavez
Sandra Chavez

Shirley Chavez



"I'm all yours," says Andrew Maestas. Can you dig it?



Sylvia De Leon



Richard Cole
Phillip Cordova
Sandra Del Frate



William Cline
Kathrina Collier
Ricky Corriz
Rebecca Delgado



Sylvia Chavez
Angela
Codoñer
George Cordero
Kathy Craig
Renee Delgado



Gloria Cisneros
Kaye Coefield
Mark Cordova
Stefanie Culler
Ruby De Vargas



Melody Cline
Carla Cole
Nancy Cordova
Don Dean
Eddie Dimas

Well, One Year Down; Only Three To Go



"Are we standing in line, or what?"



Anna Dominguez
Andrea Dominguez
Steve Duran
Lina Esquivel
Therrell Fisher

Gloria Dominguez
Tom DuPree
Dominic Duree
George Evans
Mike F. Fitzhugh

Michael Duran
Velvet Ervin
James Farrell
Gabriel Flores

Steve Espinosa
Joann Felix
Ida Francisco

Leslie Esquibel
Maria Fernando
Frank Frost

Jennifer Frost



Freshman cheerleaders show promise in their first performance before student body.



"That was the best enchilada I ever ate."
"What do you mean? I thought it was chop suey!"



Manuel Garcia

Bonnie Garcia
Margie Garcia

Pearl Gabaldon
Charles Garcia
Nancy Garcia

Kathy Fuentes
Elaine Gallegos
Donna Garcia
Robert Garcia

Geoffrey Gallegos
Lucille Gallegos
Priscilla Gallegos
Lawrence Garcia
Ronnie Garcia

Gilbert Gallegos
Mario Gallegos
Tommy Gallegos
Lawrence M.
Garcia
Teddy Garcia

Lucille Gallegos
Michael Gallegos
Anna Marie Garcia
Loretta Garcia
Teresa Garcia



Debbie Vigil and Vickie Ayala meditate on life's higher values.



Al Hurricane Jr. and Baby Gaby make beautiful music for eager listeners.



eresa Garcia
Garduno
ria Gavi
gory Gilkey
nis Gonzales

Thomas Garcia
Linda Garner
Jane Gilbreath
David Goers
Delia Gonzales



Tony Garcia
Anthony Gomez
Gina Gonzales

Victor Garcia
Fred Gomez
Leo Gonzales



Stacy Gomez
Liz Gonzales

Cindy Gonzales
Mike Gonzales



Nadine Gonzales



"Get on the good foot. Uh-huh."



Chery Smith and Gaylene Sarracino hurry to take an exam before they forget all their facts.



Loretta Gutierrez

Stephen Gunn
Richard Gutierrez

Yvonne Gonzales
Carol Gurule
Rita Gutierrez

Randy Gonzales
James Greene
Myron Phillip
Gurvin
Ronald Gutierrez

Guy Greifinger
Dolores Griego
Robert Griego
John Gustafson
Mike Hamilton

Mary Ann
Greifinger
Gabriel Griego
Robin Griffin
Andrew Gutierrez
Barbara Harding

Berlinda Griego
Mike Griego
Valerie Guillen
Bernadette
Gutierrez
Jeanette Hare



Yvonne Gonzales gets a Mustang beat going.

We May Be Little But We're Bad!



"Now, Bobby, you *must* remember what X stands for."



n Haney
arguerite
rnandez
ank Hernandez
rlos Herrera
dney Holmes

Chris Hargrove
Florinda Hernandez
Joseph Hernandez
Eugene Herrera
Valerie Hopkins



Terri Heins
Lydia Herrera
Lucia Huling

Stephanie Hendrix
Steven Herrera
Danny Jaramillo



Sylvia Herrera
Dennis Jaramillo

Jeanne Hietpas
Lorraine Jaramillo

Reuben Jaramillo

Beware, Seniors, We're Here!



Daniel Padilla is either too cold or too sleepy to smile.



Herpetology students gather ants for hungry horny toads.

Ignatius Kao
Jimmy La
Jeunesse
Robert Lee

Kenneth Johnson
Mary Kellis
Peter La'Mon
Barbara Legarreta

David Jennings
Greg Jones
Tamara Kern
Dean Lane
Brenda Lente

Julia Johnson
Sabrina Jones
Nick Konwin
John LaRue
Charles
Lesperance

Kenneth Johnson
Wanda Jordan
Mark Krantz
Greg Lee
Butch Lewis



Mike Rodriguez and Tom Gallegos have found the perfect spot for girl watching.



Etta Lewis
Pat Leyba
David Lopez
Jimmy Lopez
Greg Love

Lanita Lewis
Reuben Leyba
Felix Lopez
Marnita Lopez
Phillip Luarkie

Chris Leyba
Annie Lopez
Gilbert Lopez
Thelma Lovato
Beverly Lucero

Carla Lopez
Jimmy Lopez
Donald Love
David Lucero

Deborah Lucero

Doreen Lucero

Heidi Lucero



"Let's see, if the hole is 10 feet deep and the stick is 1 foot tall





Twins Renee and Rebecca Delgado confuse Liz Montoya and Geneva Esquibel.



Mellow sounds come from Al Hurracaine's guitar.

Charles Luna
Yolanda Maes
Carlos Maldonado

Pat Lucero
Louie Luna
Bengy Maestas
Julie Marchant

James Lucero
Ralph Lucero
Michael Luna
Gertrude Maestas
Roxanne Mares

Julia Lucero
Linda Lujan
Patricia Lyon
Ramona Maestas
Alfred Martinez

Lucille Lucero
Wade Lujan
Rebecca Maes
Perfecto Maez
Armando Martinez



Patricia Griego and Loretta Gutierrez move to the Mustang Fight Song.

“Así Es Nuevo México” Assembly Big Hit



Baby Gaby gets ready to play a sad song.



na Martinez
am Martinez
ael Marquez
ette Mata
ela Medici

Garry Martinez
Patricia Martinez
Mike Marquez
John May
Enso Medici

Heidi Martinez
Richard Martinez
Perfie Marquez
Lavada Mayfield
Robert Mensay

Vickie Martinez
Ernest Mascareñas
Suzanne May
Diana Mercer

Nancy Mestas

Dorothy Milligan

Clance Milo

Are Freshmen Really Fresh?



"Oh, it's such a long-long walk across this patio."



Mr. McBride oversees a nervous group of Freshman class office and cheerleader candidates.



Leila Moquino
Peter Munoz

Anthony Mora
Janet Navarro

Richard Mora
Lavern Nellums

Louis Morales
Clint Nelson

Glen Mondragon
Steve Montoya
Billy Moya
Darl Nestor

Rosanne Miranda
Glen Montoya
Steve Montoya
Ramona Moya
Ray Nieto

Della Monk
Rebecca Montoy
Azalea Morgan
Vivian Muller
Becky O'Connell



An empty bulletin board waits for scores and statistics.



Donald O'Connell
Catherine Ortiz
Maria Padilla
Steven Parks

Nick Olguin
Maurice Ortiz
Johnny Padilla
Mike Patterson

Regina Olguin
Pat Ortiz
Larry Padilla
Richard Paul

Mary Ortega
Alfred Otero
Lolly Padilla
Karen Payne

Judy Pacheco
Richard Padilla
Barb Penney

David Padilla
Annabel Paez
Charles Perea

“We Learned To Get To That Snack Bar Early.”



Nancy Contreras and Debbie Perea hot-foot it to class after a quick stop at the snack bar.



“Pete, I’d like you to meet my old pal Robert,” chuckles Frank.



Eva Piaso
Mark Portillos

Paul Pickerel
Edison Preston

Mark Pino
Caroline Purcell

Jervis Platero
Julia Quinones

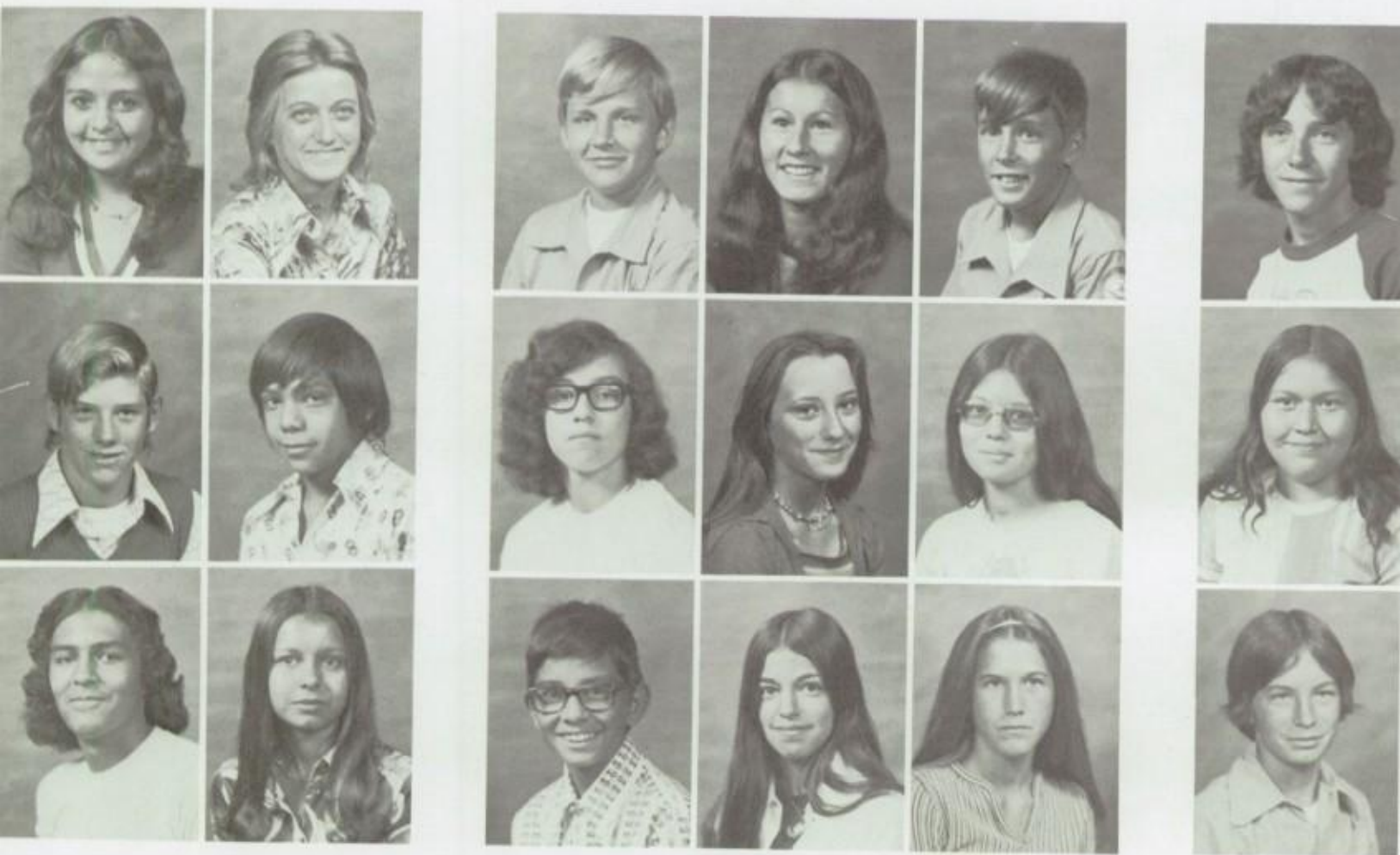
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Dale Perkins
Loretta Platero
Donna Quintana

Edmund Perea
Mary Perea
Perry Blake
Richard Pohl
Eloy Quintana

Johnny Perea
Robert Perea
Fred Phillips
Sylvia Ponce
Frank Quintana



Kelly Sanchez is so excited over the lunch, she can't decide what to eat next. Decisions, decisions.



Harold Quintana
Loni Ramirez
Steve Rodden
Kelly Romero

John Rael
Debbie Reed
Anthony Rodriguez
Josephine Romero

Ross Rael
Jim Richardson
Jason Rodriguez
Matthew Romero

Pete Ramirez
Christine Rivera
Annette Romero
Susan Romero

Damian Rivera
Antoinette Romero
Katie Rose

Rudy Rivera
Bernadette Romero
Tony Rose

Readin', Writin', And Munchin'



Jeffrey Sanchez and Arthur Prairie munch a bite of lunch.



Signs like this cheer our athletes on.



Mary Ann
Saavedra
Bennie Samora

Henry Saenz
Bernadette
Sanchez

Steve Sais
Catherine
Sanchez

Eddie Salas
Cynthia Sanchez

Pat Rubi
Sammy Ruiz
Adolph Salazar
Jeff Sanchez

Chris Ross
Manuel Ruiz
Albert Saavedra
Tina Salazar
Joanna Sanchez

Connie Roybal
Peggy Ruiz
Jeanne Saavedra
Cathy Salcido
Kelly Sanchez



¿Cómo te llamas?" pregunta Debbie Rue. "Me llamo Jack," contesta Jack Berry.



Edward Sanchez
Mark Sanchez
Vincent Sanchez
Raymond
Sandoval

Lisa Sanchez
Raymond Sanchez
Wanda Sanchez
Neva Sanford

Lou Ellen Sanchez
Ricky Sanchez
Alberta Sandoval
Lorraine
Santillanes

Margie Sanchez
Rosemary
Sanchez
Anna Sandoval
Paul Santillanes

Sylvia Sanchez
Mary Sandoval
Jose Sedillo

Vincent Sanchez
Mike Sandoval
Steve Sedillo



Sharon Spoltore
James Sucholl

Rose Silva
Cabrina
Steinbraker
Patty Sumner

David Sexton
Stephanie Skinner
Jennifer Stewart
Peggy Sumner

Stephanie Sena
Edward Sexton
Richard Smith
Donna Strain
Gladys Tafoya

Richard Sanchez politely turns away from patio lovers.

Jeffrey Serna
John Shelven

Anthony Sena
Mary Serna
Charlotte Sherman

Sara Segovia
Michael Sena
John Serrano
Alfred Sigala

"You've Got To Learn A Whole New Language Here."



Phil Casias and Anthony Sierra burn up the trail.



Leroy Tafoya
 Lorena Tafoya
 Erna Teeter
 Elnora Thomas
 Richard Tom
 Angel Torres
 Judy Trahan

Lisa Tafoya
 Rose Tartaglia
 Mike Teupell
 Sandra Thomas

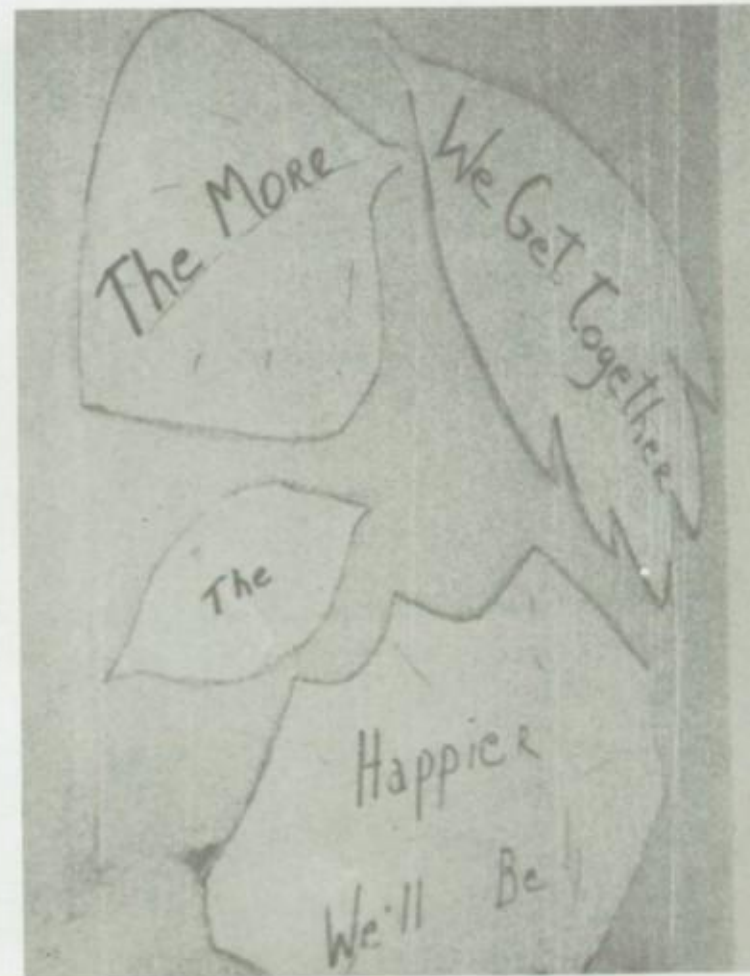
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 Cynthia Thomas
 Brian Thomason

Barbara Thompson

Linda Tompkins
 Jerome Torrez
 Elizabeth Trego

Maria Torres
 Anthony Trujillo

Arsenio Trujillo



Counselors' wall invites drop-ins.



Mary Valencia
Ronald Van Why

Steve Urioste
Anna Vallejos
Stanley Vargas

Lea Trujillo
Gloria Valdez
Rita Vallejos
Elaine Vigil

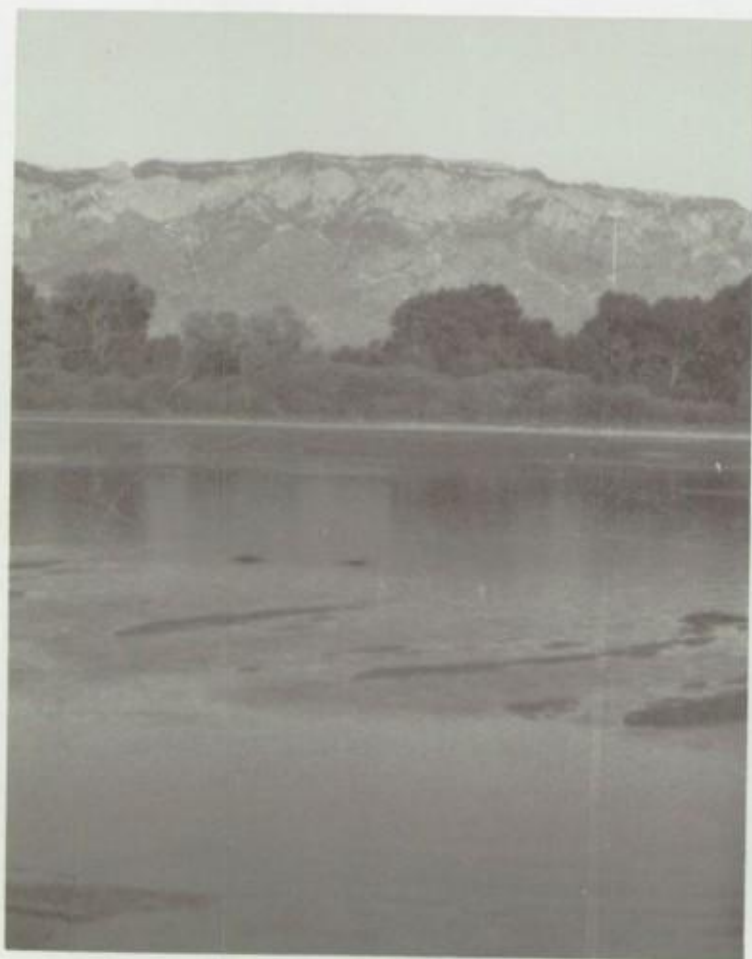
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Ray Trujillo

Carlos Trujillo
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Larry Trujillo
Earl Ulibarri

"C'mon, Teach, Get Off My Case."



A perfect day for river fishing, rafting, or wading.

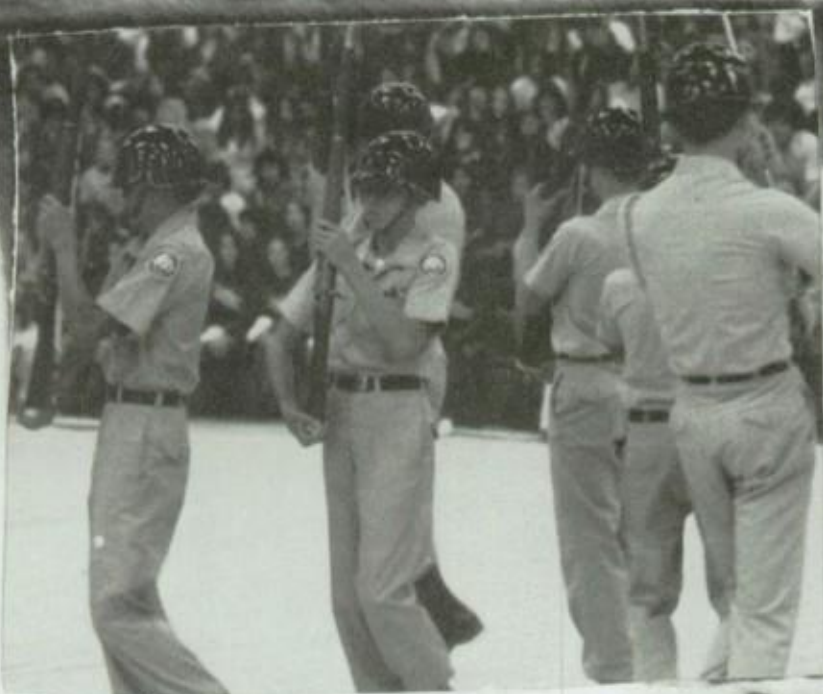
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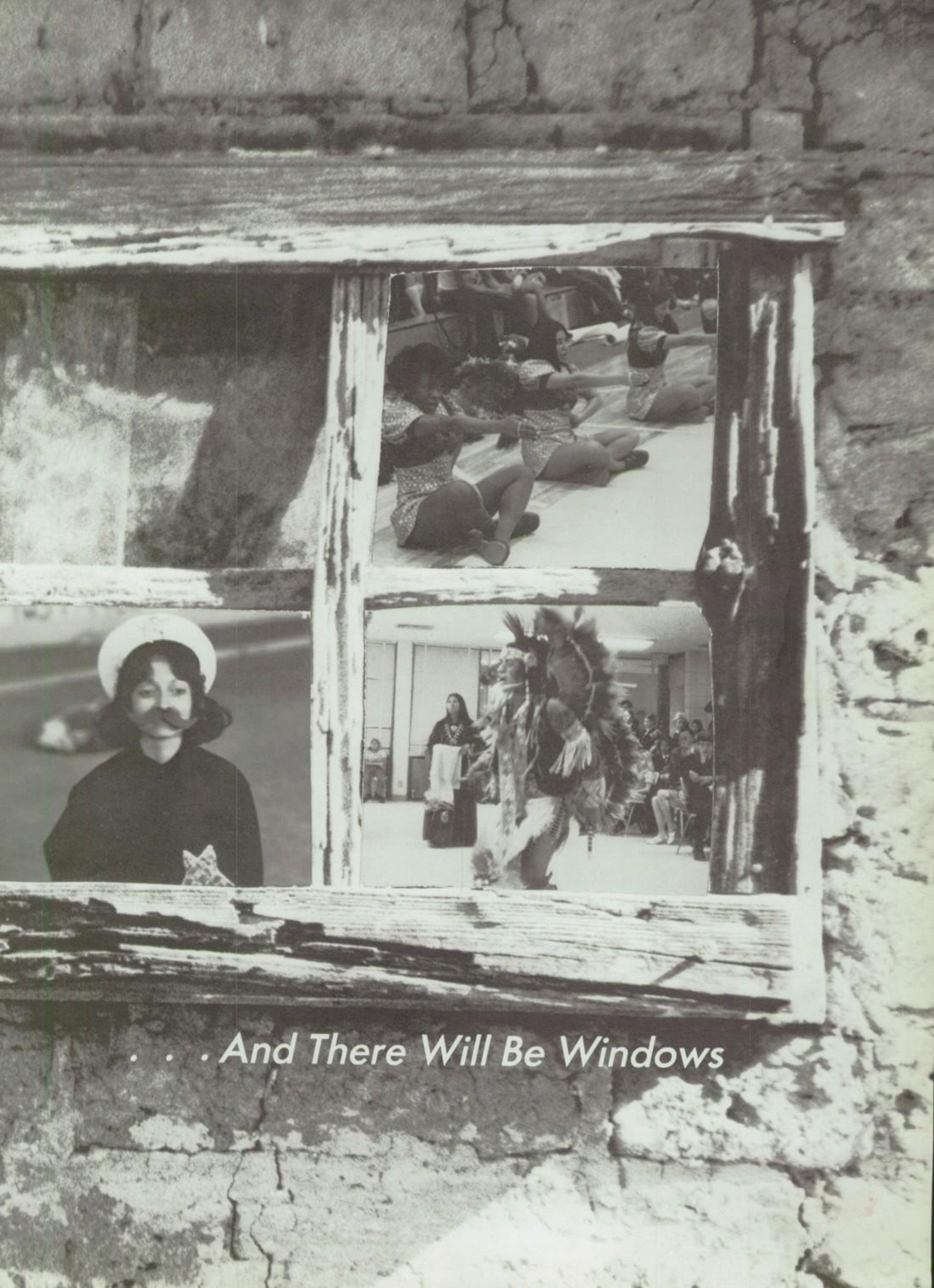
Montie Whitney
Jeff Wooten
Angel Zamora

Glenn Wright
Cindy Zamora



ORGANIZATIONS





. . . *And There Will Be Windows*



Standing, left to right: Monica Sanchez, Debbie Chavez, Robin Lucero, Audrey Barka, Nora Torres, Tina Ford, Julia Ortega, Patricia Monk. Seated at table, Left to right: Cheryl Vasquez, Pam Berry, Greta Quezada, Jeanette Perez.



Sponsors Ms. Connie Campbell and Mrs. Lynne Greene.

MODELING CLUB

Sponsors: Mrs. Greene, Miss Campbell

Officers: President — Nora Torres, Vice President — Julia Ortega, Secretary — Monica Sanchez, Treasurer — Robin Lucero.

Purpose: To help each member improve herself physically, mentally, emotionally, morally, to learn to accept others the way they are, to help promote understanding and tolerance for the mentally and physically handicapped.

Highlights of the year: Valentine's Dance; the selling of Grams, flowers, candy; Fall Fashion Show and luncheon.



Officers, left to right: Nora Torres, Vice-president; Robin Lucero, Treasurer; Monica Sanchez, Secretary; Julia Ortega, President.

Modeling Club



First row, Left to right: Mrs. Trujillo, Kathy Ramirez, Laurie Paul, Berlinda Barela, Judy Bourguet, Pam Hargrove. Second row: Peggy Muller, Cheryl Martin, Anna Lujan, Carla Del Frate, Therese Holguin. Top row: John Mascarenas, Mike Mizusawa, Tony Webber, Quintin Stevens, William Taylor, Sam Nelson, David Wurst, Richard Silva.

Officers: Kathleen Ramirez, Secretary; Mike Mizusawa, President; Quintin Stephens, Treasurer; Peggy Muller, Vice President.

HONOR SOCIETY

Sponsor: Virginia Trujillo

Purpose of Club: Is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character in the student of West Mesa High School.

Highlights of the Year: Sold popcorn at Winter Carnival, scholarship given to a senior at end of year, helped with caps and gowns, ushered for graduation.

National Honor Society



Varsity Five



Doris Garcia



Anna Lujan



Marquette Hall



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

Sponsors: Miss Joan Peterson, Mrs. Lynne Greene, Mrs. JoAnn Coffee
Summer Advisor: Mrs. Ruth Bailey

Officers: Doris Garcia, head cheerleader; Judy Bourguet, treasurer.

Purpose: To promote school spirit, and support active as well as non-active teams.

Highlights of the Year: The 75-76 Varsity cheerleaders started their year out right bringing home 4 blue ribbons (superior) and 1 red (excellent) from the National Cheerleaders Clinic last summer, breaking all records here at West Mesa High School. They went on into the year cheering on a great football team, basketball, golf, tennis, wrestling, and Girls' Sports teams. They sponsored dances, bake sales, egg drives, donut sales, etc. to raise money for their uniforms.

Varsity



Judy Bourguet



Sharon Garcia



Kelly Smith

Cheerleaders



Ed Chavez leads march.

Fifth period N.J.R.O.T.C., kneeling, left to right: Ricky Corriz, Jim Richardson, Edmond Perea, Jeff Baca. Second row: Grace Romero, Dora Padilla, Terna Teeter, Delia Gonzales. Third row: Chief Mayberry, Lenny Wolf, Alfred Martinez, Diane Castillo, Bobby Chaves, Earl Ulibarri, Enso Medici, Steve Armijo, Ken Chandler, Leila Moquino, Steve Herrera, Robert Redinger, Jesse Trujillo, Roger Martinez. Second period N.J.R.O.T.C., sitting, left to right: Cathy Gurule, Della Martinez, Patricia Monk, Tina Ford. Standing: Commander Hartman, Alfred Rivera, Marylyn Moquino, Gabe Jaramillo, Cecilia Vallejos, Gary Johnston, Yvonne Aragon, Chief Mayberry, Jeff Arrington. First period N.J.R.O.T.C., Sitting: Alice Jones, Commander Hartman, Chief Mayberry, Janis Sandoval. Standing: Harry Kowin, Al Gomez, Joe Hieptas, Terry Milford, Ernest Herrera, Greg Vigil.



Joe Hieptas and Cathy Gurule greet people at the sixth annual NJROTC family night.



NJROTC



Fourth Period NJROTC



Color Guard members: Tim Nichols, Claude Carroll, and Ricky Salazar presents colors at Albuquerque High game.



Third Period NJROTC

N.J.R.O.T.C.

Sponsors: Commander P. G. Hartman and Senior Chief Mayberry.
Officers: Cadet Commander — Alice Jones, Cadet Executive — Gregory Vigil, Operations Officer — Joe Hieptas.

Purpose: To emphasize physical fitness, orderly appearance, respectful conduct, and individual responsibility. In addition to classroom instructions the NJROTC program seeks to develop informed leaders with a strong sense of self-respect and personal knowledge of the responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. Appreciation of the Navy's role in national defense. The program is built upon contemporary concepts of education and its aims and objectives are turned to the needs of today's high school students. As prescribed by the implementing legislation, certain traditional concepts are included. The NJROTC program, however, is specifically designed to meet the needs of today's youth.

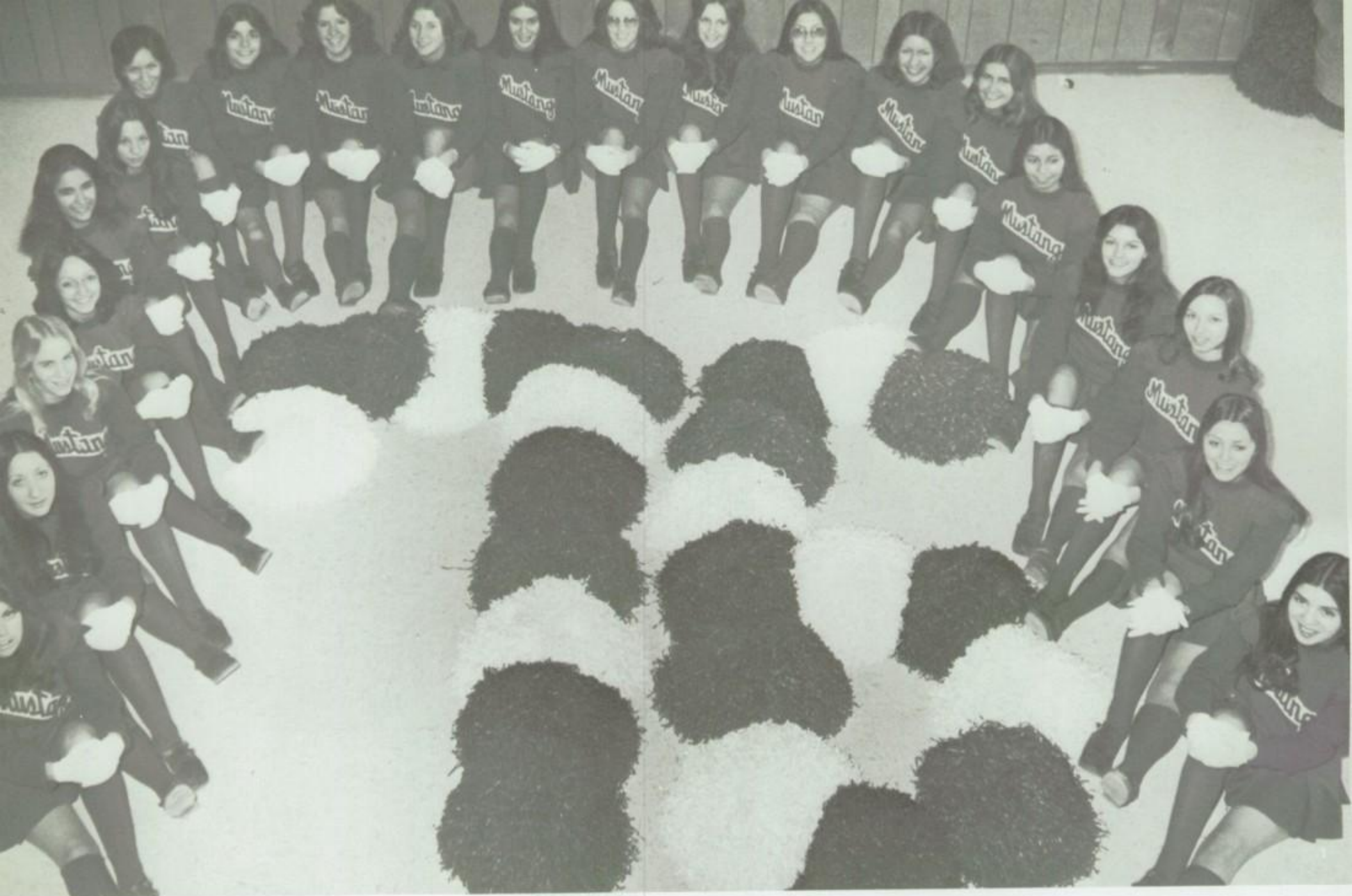
Highlights of the Year: San Diego trip, Military Ball, Drill Team Competition, Family Night.

Fourth Period NJROTC, standing, left to right: Chief Mayberry, John Aragon, Glenn Montoya, Ricky Aragon, Manuel Rios, Mark Krantz, Martin Barros, Tim Nichols, Kurt Veerkamp, Charlie Perea, Tom Summers, Joe Romero, Ken Borunda, Steve Lopez. *Sitting:* Heidi Lucero, Judy Pacheco, Jeanne Hieptas, Debbie Jones.

Third period N.J.R.O.T.C., standing, left to right: Commander Hartman, Ricky Salazar, Veron Teague, Robert Tayler, Calvin Smith, Joe Lueras, Ed Chavez, Lenoard Herrera, Chief Mayberry. *Sitting:* John Martinez, Tammy Ford, Hannah Barka, Stella Vigil.



The NJROTC Drill Team performs at the Mustangs' first assembly.



1. Fillies show the "Spirit of '76." 2. Fillies cut capers at clinic. 3. Fillies as the Keystone Cops at halftime.



Fillies



FILLIES

Sponsors: John and Jaime Calamone, Mrs. Jane Claunch
 Officers: Veronica Baca, Captain; Kathleen Ramirez, Co-Captain; Gerri Luna, Bus. Manager; Pauline Lovato, Act. Coordinator.
 Purpose: To promote spirit and help out Varsity Cheerleaders.
 Highlights of the Year: Participated in the New Mexico State Drill Team. Had many fund raising projects, bake sales, car washes, egg drives, and sponsored a swimming party.



1. Donna Salazar, Geraldine Cantu, Veronica Baca, Angelica Domenicali, Charlotte Lujan. 2. Pauline Lovato, Sandra Garcia, Sylvia Garcia, Regina Delgado. 3. Myra Trujillo, Geri Luna, Kathleen Ramirez, Margaret Sena, Angela Chavez. 4. *Standing:* Celine Lopez, Sandra Carrillo, Esther Manriquez. *Front row:* Debbie Beasley, Virginia Padilla, Sandra Sanchez.



Sponsor Mrs. Allred



Larry Gallegos and Mrs. Allred look for mistletoe on a very cold day.

STATERS

Sponsors: Mrs. Allred and Mrs. Waugh.

Officers: Mark Blea, President; Jean Torres, Vice President; John Gamble, Secretary and Treasurer.

Purpose: In June girls go to Las Vegas, New Mexico for a week. In June boys go to N.M.M.I. Roswell for a week. To promote student leadership and knowledge of national and local government.

Highlights of the Year: Christmas dance, sold mistletoe, starting and recording of our own time line.

Seated, left to right: Jean Torres, John Gamble, Mark Blea. Top row: Mrs. Waugh, Lori Paul, Therese Holguin, Berlinda Barela, Larry Gallegos, Phyllis Garcia and James Baca.



Staters take a rest after a busy day of picking mistletoe.



Staters



Yvonne Ramirez



Front row: Merri Herrera, Yolanda Maestas, Nancy Wilson. Back row: Cindy Corriz, Kristine Goers, Bernie Gullford, Roberta Reed, Evelyn Jaramillo.



Michael Ornelas entertains at Presbyterian Hospital



Anna Parra



Michelle Barnette, Mrs. Adkins, Jean Torres take a rest after a hard day's training.



Front row: Yvonne Aranda, Tracey Ward, Phyllis Chavez. Back row: Paula Hernandez, Michael Ornelas, Gigi Goers, Nick Soto, Francien Gurney, Deborah Orona, Mrs. Adkins.

HEALTH CAREERS

Sponsors: Nina Adkins, Joyce Swanson
 Officers: President, Jean Torres; Vice President, Pat Love;
 Secretary, Yvonne Ramirez; Treasurer, Phyllis Chavez;
 Reporter, Roberta Reed.
 Purpose: Explore opportunities in Health Careers to develop leadership abilities through participation in educational, career, civic and recreational activities.
 Highlights of the Year: Halloween party at Western Elder Care, marching in Christmas Parade, staffing Blood Services Clinic.
 3 State Officers: Vice President — Jean Torres, State Reporter — Michael Ornelas, Sentinel — Kristine Goers.

Health Careers



Symphonic Band. Front row: Linda Bustos, Liz Lovato, Janet Payne, Laurel Leppke, Tom Duncan, Clairice Hall, Diane Sheldon, Steve Chavez, Sandra Carrillo, Debbie Pitstford, Rosalie Fejeran, Gladys Tafuya, Bridget Phillips. *Row 2:* Cheryl Wilson, Chery Smith, Tonya Wells, Tamra Kite, Angela Carrillo, Mike Molina, Ernie Vallejos, David Gerken, Luz Martinez, John Gamble, Jerry Romero. *Row 3:* Lorie Sanchez, Sandra Dominguez, Barbara Abeyta, Dorothy Mulberry, Jayson Lucero, Robert Salazar, Antonio Romero, Kevin Kolozsy, David Barela, Juvencio Toledo, Sam Nuzzo, Jeff Garcia, Kelly Kite, Richard Wafer.



Drum Majors: Jerry Romero and Louis Luna.

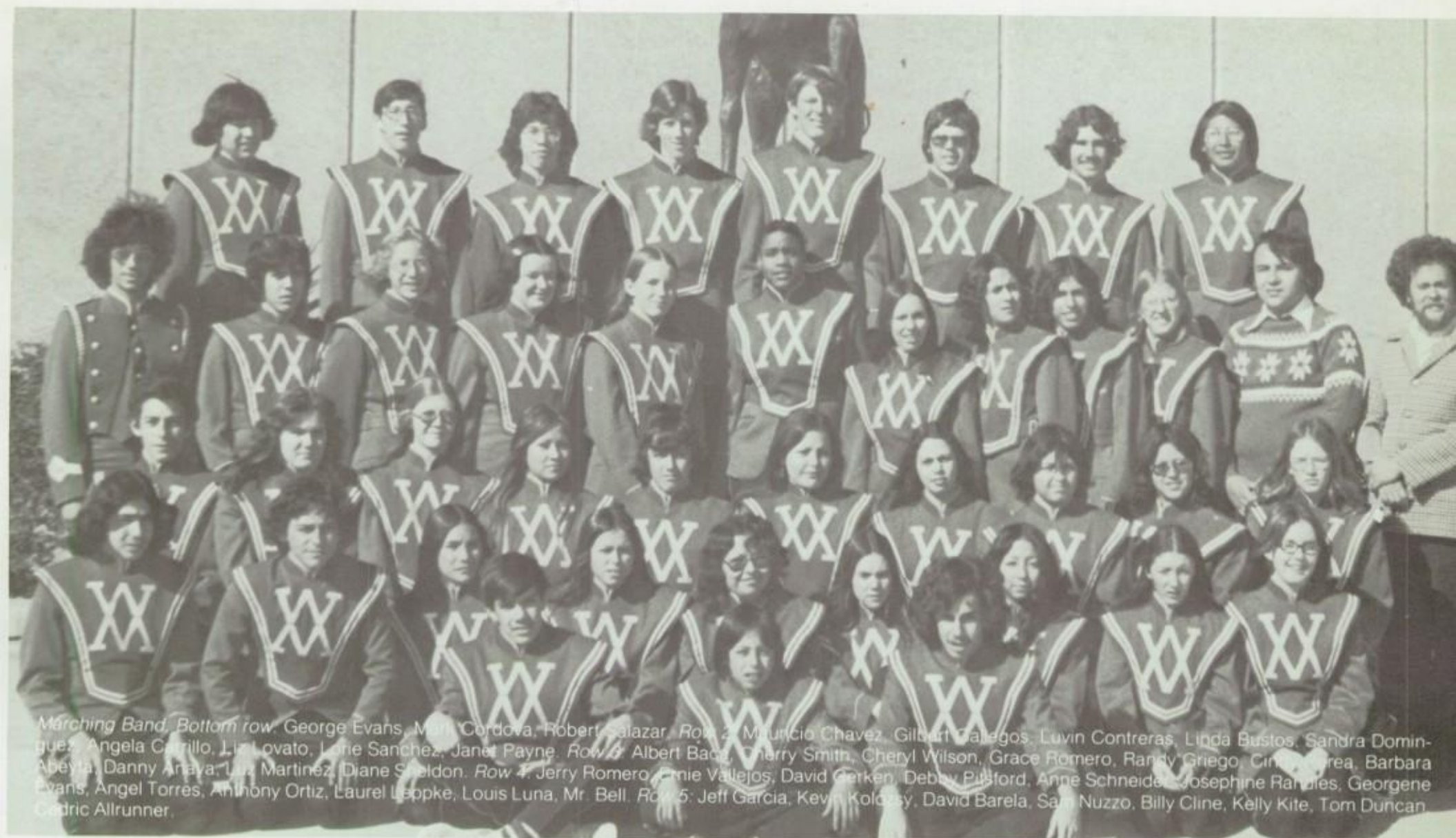


Concert Band. Front row: Martin Gallegos, Philip Villa, John May, Anthony Trujillo, Loretta Garcia, Karen Payne. *Back row:* Greg Lee, Ken Chandler, Paul Santillanes, Richard Padilla, Anthony Maldonado, Ruben Barella, Butch Lewis, Leslie Esquibel.



Percussion Class, left to right: Angel Torres, Gilbert Gallegos, Juvén Contreras, Ray VanWhy, Ray Castillo, Adrian Morales, Mark Cordova.

Band



Marching Band, Bottom row: George Evans, Mark Cordova, Robert Salazar. *Row 2:* Mauricio Chavez, Gilbert Galegos, Luvin Contreras, Linda Bustos, Sandra Dominguez, Angela Carrillo, Liz Lovato, Lorie Sanchez, Janet Payne. *Row 3:* Albert Baca, Chery Smith, Cheryl Wilson, Grace Romero, Randy Griego, Cindy Area, Barbara Evans, Angel Torres, Anthony Ortiz, Laurel Leppke, Louis Luna, Mr. Bell. *Row 5:* Jeff Garcia, Kevin Kolozsy, David Barela, Sam Nuzzo, Billy Cline, Kelly Kite, Tom Duncan, Cedric Allrunner.



Squad Leaders, Front: David Barela, Janet Payne, Antonio Romero, Laurel Leppke, Anthony Ortiz, Luz Martinez, Kelly Kite. *Top:* Jayson Lucero, Sam Nuzzo, Kevin Kolozsy.

BAND

Sponsor: Ray Bell

Band Council: President — Jerry Romero, Vice-Pres. — Mike Molina, Sec.-Treas. — Tony Ortiz, Band Manager — Charles Avent, Librarians — Sandra Boles, Liz Lovato, Chery Smith. Senior Rep. — Sandra Carrillo, Junior Rep. — Debby Pitsford, Soph. Rep. — Randy Griego, Barbara Abeyta, Freshman Rep. — Anna Garcia.

The Bands are: Symphonic and Marching Band, Concert Band, Stage Band.

Highlights of the Year: Half-time shows for Marching Band Durango Fine Arts Festival, West Mesa Jazz Festival.

Bottom photo: Stage Band, Bottom row: Jerry Romero, Cheryl Wilson, Josephine Randles, John Gamble, Tom Duncan, Carrey Candelaria (*not pictured*). *Row 2:* Sam Nuzzo, Kelly Kite, Richard Wafer, Tom Gardner, Mike Molina, Tony Ortiz. *Row 3:* Danny Winters, David James, Antonio Romero, Kevin Kolozsy, Alfred Bourguet, Chris Abeyta, Jayson Lucero. *Rhythm Players:* Decker Harrison, Ray Castillo, Ray VanWay, Mark Cordova, Sandra Boles and Jeannie Saavedra, (*not pictured*).





Bottom to top, left to right: Tony Anaya, Israela Garcia, Karen Mowder, Crista Garcia, Felix Sanchez, Eugene Baldini, Mitch Ortiz.



"Blithe Spirit" cast.

THESPIANS

Sponsor: Mickey Prokopiak

Officers: Carmen Chavez, President; Israela Garcia, Vice President; Crista Garcia, Secretary and Treasurer.

Purpose: To promote theatrical excellence and interest.

Highlights of the Year: Trip to New York City, trips to Portales, Las Cruces, "Blithe Spirit."



Dodie Chavez and Israela Garcia, practice for "Blithe Spirit."



Dodie Chavez shows emotion in play "Blithe Spirit."



Crista Garcia, "Gypsy Lady"

Thespians



Bottom to top, left to right: Jeanne Cadley, Debbie Leyba, Lorina Montoya, Joetta Hamilton, Becky Cordova, Lillian Baros, Sylvia Maestas, Diane Torres, Rose Aragon, Marcella Martinez, Karen Kellovich, Yolanda Guitierrez, Sally Zamora, Toni Sanchez, Annette Klimka, Mrs. Fox.



Bottom to top, left to right: Terri Baca, Esther Maneiquez, Regina Delgado, Debbie Beazley, Virginia Padilla, Pat Brown, Sandra Sanchez, Pam Benifield, Mrs. Claunch, Nicolasa Valverde, Tonya Wells, Cindy Gonzales, Isabel Zamora, Claudia Waters, Joanne Lopez, Dorothy Galbaldon, Carmen Chavez, Debbie Ambrogio, Mona Gonzales.

OEA SENIORS

Sponsor: Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Claunch

Officers: Joetta Hamilton, President; Esther Manriquez, Vice President; Marcella Martinez, Secretary-Treasurer; Toni Sanchez, Historian; Sally Zamora, Parliamentarian; Debbie Leyba, Reporter.

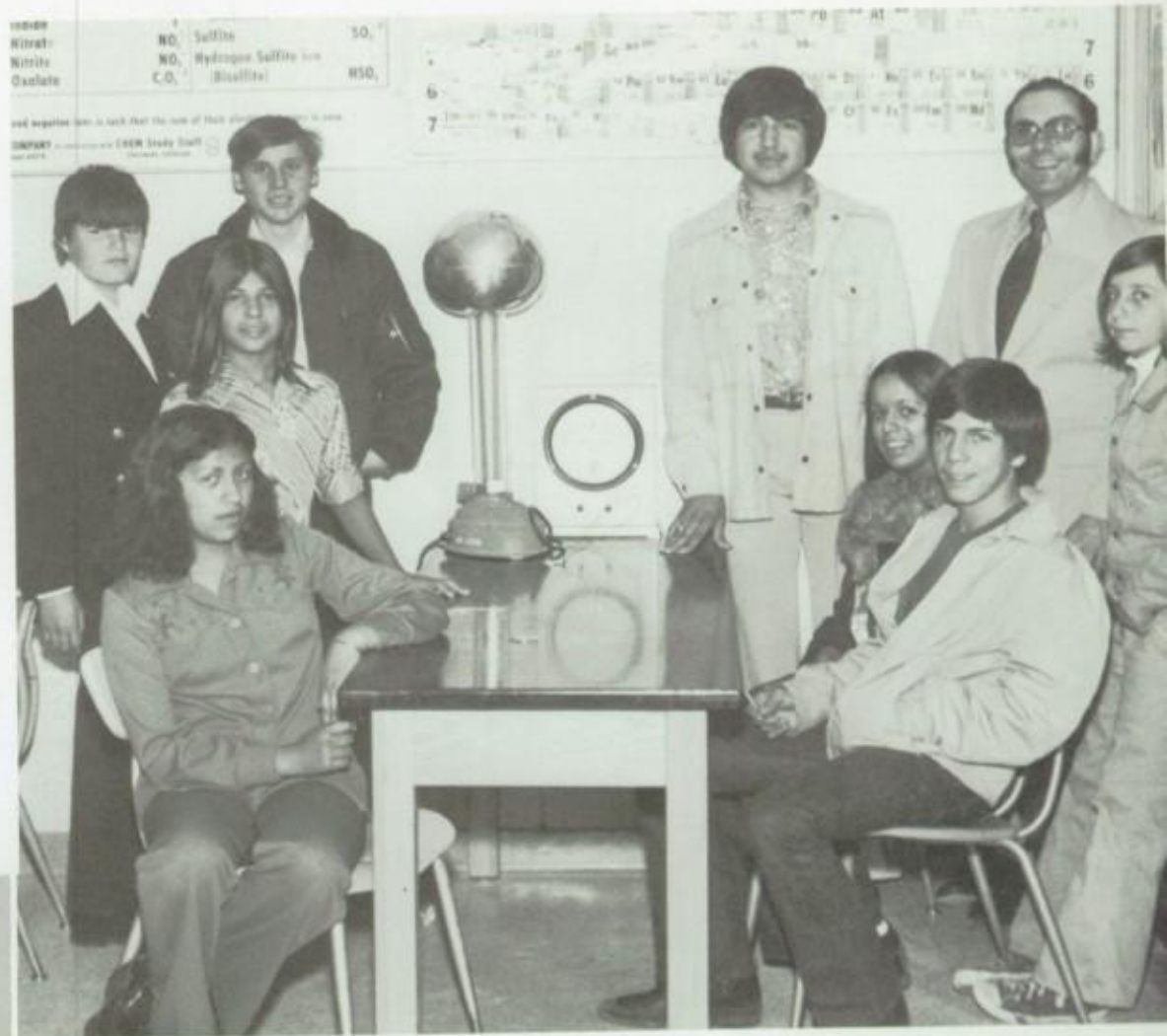
Purpose: To promote vocational competence in office occupations through office education classes. National OEA convention at Topeka, Kansas.

Highlights of the Year: Regional OEA convention at VHS March 6, 1976; State OEA convention at Glorieta, NM, March 28-30.

OEA Seniors

SCIENCE FAIR

Sponsor: Mr. Metarelis
 Purpose: To encourage the study of science and the development of science projects.
 Highlights of the Year: Science and Engineering field trip, Regional Science Fair, State Science Fair.
Science Club members, Left, rear to front: Dan Skinner, Mark Krontz, Nick Olguin, Yolanda Maes. *Right side top:* Gilbert Herrera, Mr. Metarelis, Jessie Ramirez, Gina Sanchez, Darl Nestor.



Science Fair

Top right photo: Bottom to top, Left to right: Bernice Lopez, Tammy Summers, Denise Marquez, Wanda Lewis, Phyllis Landman. *Row 2:* Mrs. Lueckenhoff, Celine Lopez, Shirley Crawford, Anita Chavez, David Rodriguez, Janet Payne, June Branson. *Row 3:* Debbie Davalos, Anna Silva, Yvonne Taylor, Kathleen Ramirez, Annette Martinez, Anna Thompson.

Bottom right photo: TACT students gather around to make cartoon pen-nants.

HERO-TEACHER AIDE CO-OP TRAIN-ING

Sponsor: Ms. Lueckenhoff
 Officers: Anna Thompson — President, Janet Payne — President, Sylvia Ross — Vice President, Shirley Crawford — Treas-urer, Phyllis Landman — Vice Presi-dent, Tammy Summer — Vice President, Kathleen Ramirez — Secretary Wanda Lewis — Secretary.
 Purpose: HERO Club is a part of the class and we try to help children and learn more about ways of working with chil-dren.
 Highlights of the Year:
 1. 2 district meetings.
 2. State meeting in March at the Conven-tion Center.
 3. Raising money for a Civic Project — this year to help aide the Child Abuse Programs in Albuquerque.



TACT



Mary Ann Valdez
President



Bottom to top, Left to right: Mrs. Trujillo, Valerie Torres, Liz Lucero, Cathy Taylor, Debbie Ashlock, Mary Ann Valdez, Debbie Hill, Debbie Naciso, Pat Luna, Priscilla Garcia, Naomi Martinez, Cheryl Knowles and Child Care kids.



Mary Ann Valdez, President; Elizabeth Sanchez, Vice President; Valerie Torres, Treasurer.



Child Care kids have fun on teeter totter.



Liz Lucero reads story to fascinated Child Care kids.

CHILD CARE — HERO

Sponsor: Mrs. Trujillo

Officers: Mary Ann Valdez, President; Elizabeth Sanchez, Vice President; Cathy Taylor, Secretary; Valerie Torres, Treasurer.

Purpose: To raise money for charity services. This year the first try to raise money was for Child Abuse Aid. Also trying to build up our pre-school with books, supplies and equipment.

Highlights of the Year: Had a dance in conjunction with TACT-HERO. Field trips to 10 pre-schools so they would be able to have the Best pre-school. Trip to Grants, NM for a District HERO meeting. Trip to AHS to visit and work with the kids in their pre-school. Exchanged ideas, games, fingerplays, songs with each other.

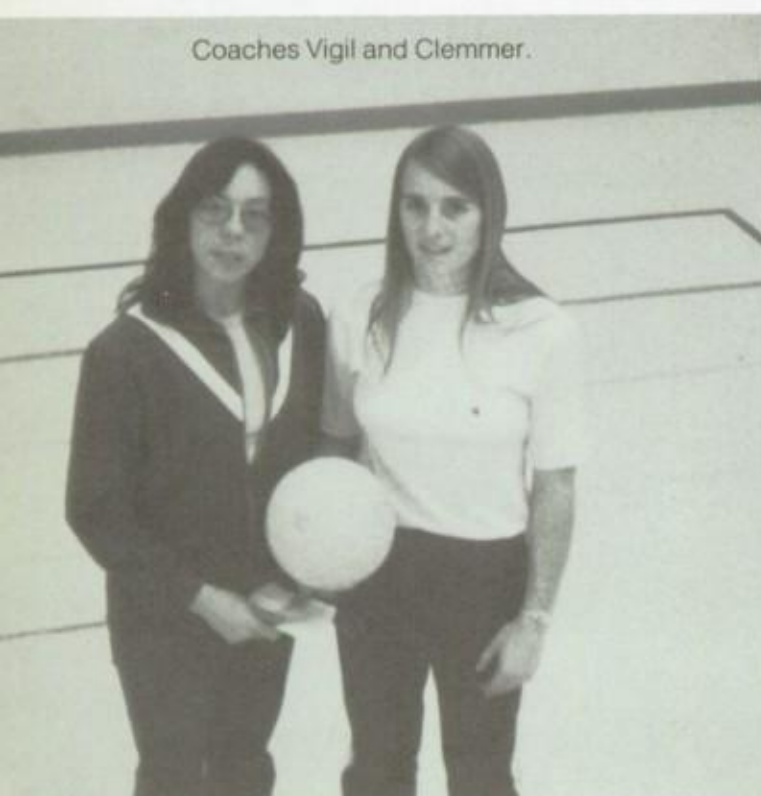
Child Care — HERO



Top to bottom, left to right: Berlinda Barela, Frances Mata, Bernadette Aragon, Wanda Jordan, Laurie Paul, Michelle Jones, Annette Mata, Barbara Baca, Carmela Tafuya, Carla Del Frate, Debbie Padilla, Katrina Collier, Pam Hargrove.



Top to bottom: left to right: Lisa Castillo, Gaylene Sarracino, Madie Mirabal, Eileen Molina, Theresa Reyes, Therese Holguin, Stephanie Molinas, Lea Trujillo, Lori Hicks.



Coaches Vigil and Clemmer.



OFFICERS

Left to right: Pam Hargrove, Treasurer; Carla Del Frate, Historian; Laurie Paul, Secretary; Berlinda Barela, President; Therese Holguin, Vice President.

GIRLS SPORTS CLUB

Sponsor: Gloria Vigil

Officers: Berlinda Barela, Theresa Holguin, Laurie Paul, Pam Hargrove, Carla Del Frate.

Purpose: To help promote girls' athletic and intramural program at West Mesa. It recognizes girls who have lettered in Varsity sports and provides the opportunity for any interested girl to participate in sports at West Mesa High School.

Highlights of the Year: Awards a \$250.00 scholarship, "Yvonne Chavez Scholarship" to an outstanding senior girl athlete planning to attend college.

GSC



STUDENT SENATE

Sponsor: Mr. Tim Thomassen

Officers: Gilbert Herrera, Chairman; Jean Torres, Secretary; Debbie Williams, Treasurer.

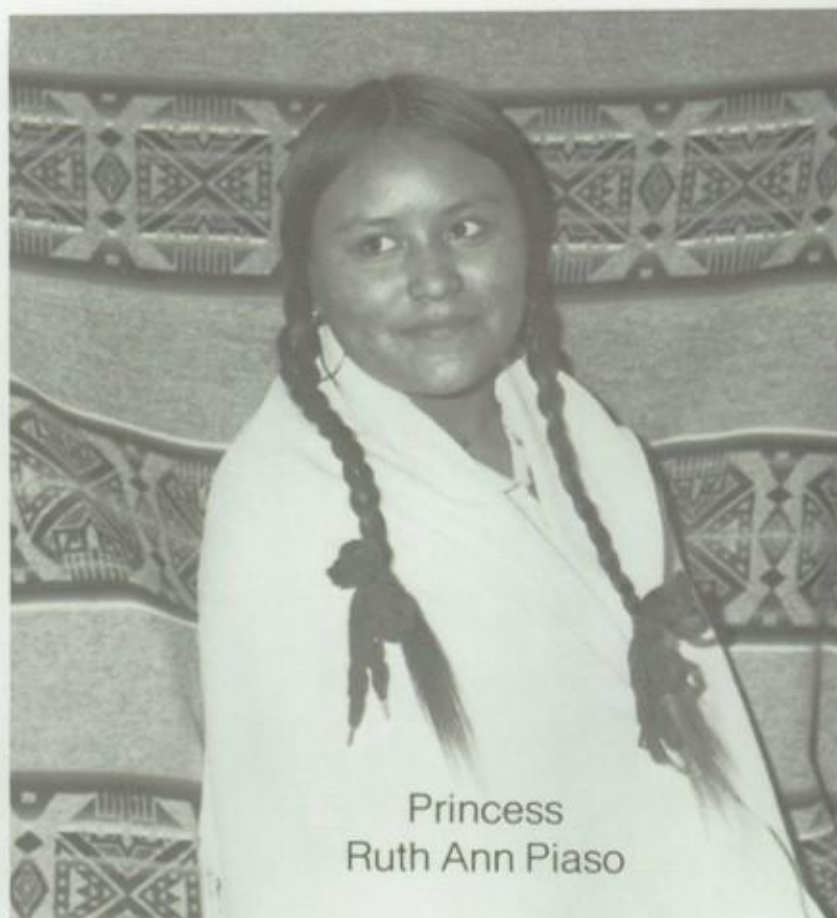
Purpose: Student governing body.

Highlights of the Year: Bloodmobile, Twirp Week, Bicentennial Celebrations.

Top group picture, seated, left to right: Rita Martinez, Jean Torres, Gilbert Herrera, Debbie Williams, Anna Waldron. Back row, standing: Mr. Thomassen, Lorraine Abeita, Judy Love, Ymelda Valdez, Phyllis Garcia, Beverly Lucero, Robert Salazar, Lori Paul, Geri Luna, Berlinda Barela, Therese Holguin, Larry Gallegos, Lawrence Large.



Queen
Lee Ann Kirkpatrick



Princess
Ruth Ann Piaso

NATIVE AMERICAN IMAGE

Sponsor: Mrs. Lynne Greene

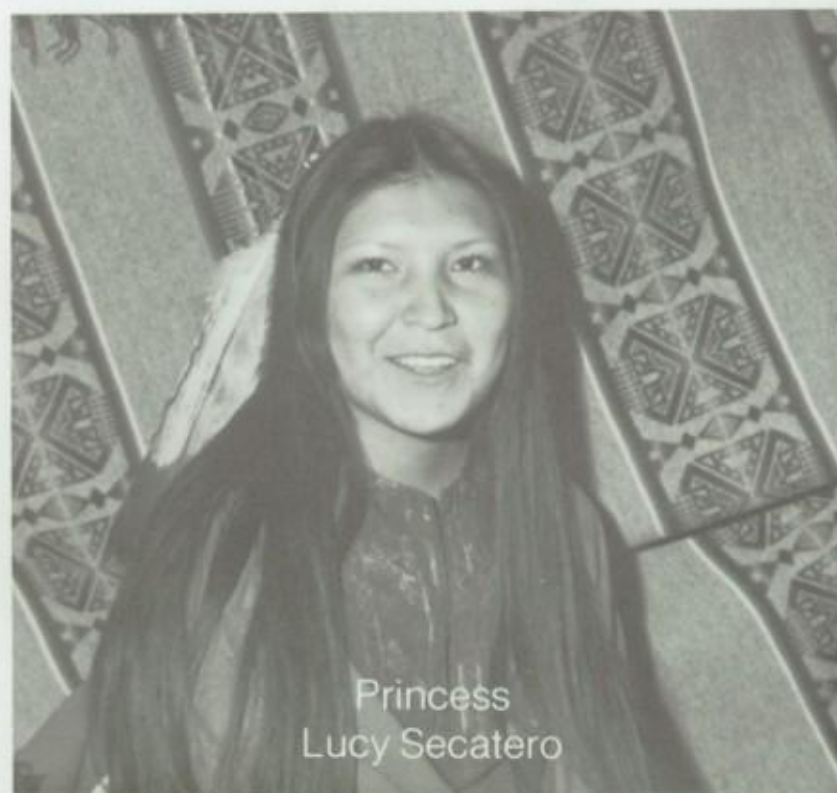
Officers: Epi Mendoza, Treasurer; Anna Padilla, Secretary; Sam Nelson, President; Lee Ann Kirkpatrick, Vice President.

Purpose of Club: To promote understanding and appreciation of the Native American Culture.

Highlights of the Year: Contest for Indian Princess, performing at least 5 different functions, halftime at game Friday, February 6, 1976, City-Wide Indian Princess Contest at West Mesa High School. Princess Candidates: Lucy Secatero, Mary Lou Nelson, Sarah Curley, Lee Ann Kirkpatrick, Maria Fernando, Loretta Platero, Sandy Silva, and Verlinda Platero.



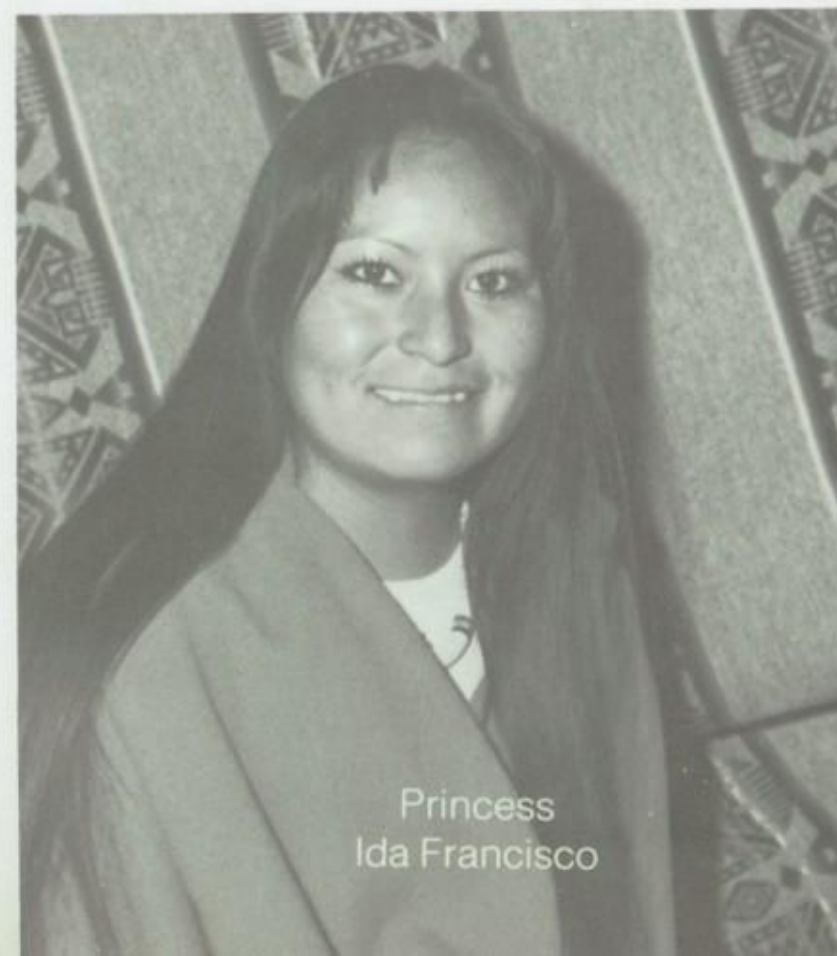
Runner-Up
Jackie Figueroa



Princess
Lucy Secatero



Princess
Loretta Platero



Princess
Ida Francisco



Mike Garcia dances at N.J.R.O.T.C. Dinner.



Sponsor Mrs. Greene and Officers Sam Nelson and Lee Ann Kirkpatrick.

Group picture, left to right, front: Lucy Secatero, Verlinda Platero, Sarah Curley, Lee Ann Kirkpatrick. Back: Mary Lou Nelson, Maria Fernando, Loretta Platero, Sandy Silva, Lucy Sandoval. Absent members: Mike Garcia, Mike Flores, Chris Flores, Jim Kirkpatrick, Margie Platero, Diane Lane, Dee Ann Sarracino, Ana Padilla, Epi Mendoza, Ida Francisco, Howard Mondragon, Johnny Begay.

Native American Image



Pep Club Sponsors Ms. Dorothy Zimmerly and Mrs. Tina Templeton.

PEP CLUB

Sponsors: Mrs. Tina Templeton and Ms. Dorothy Zimmerly.

Purpose: To support the cheerleaders and the Fillies in their efforts and to boost school spirit both with the teams and with the fans.

Highlights of the Year: Marching at Christmas Assembly, bus trip to Gallup for basketball game, uniforms, bake sales, selling spirit ribbons.



Forming the "W" starting at upper left: Dolores Griego, Jo Ann Jaramillo, Loretta Platero, Rhonda Gallegos, Olympia Kellis, Barbara Mora, Elaine Martinez, Gina Gonzales, Sandra Chavez, Annette Aragon, Sylvia Barela, Etta Lewis, Donna Martinez.
Forming the "M" starting at bottom left: Yvonne Montaño, Janet Navarro, Patty Garcia, Wendy Horn, Stacy Gomez, Gina Esquibel, Sandra del Frate, Georgia Bowens, Cheryl Vasquez, Lorena Tafoya, Stephanie Skinner, Marilyn Ortega, Rosanne Miranda, Jean Saavedra, Pam Bachicha, Margaret Dalton, Jeanette Perez.

Pep Club



forming the "H", left, top to bottom: Suzanne Mae, Andrea Garcia, Rebecca Montoya, Frances Romero, Agnes Garcia. Center: Sarah Segovia, Maryann Mavedra. Right, top to bottom: Brenda Gabaldon, Susan Barela, Vivian Mulr, Margaret Jimenez, Rita Gutierrez.
forming the "S" starting at upper right end: Anna Fedele, Sylvia Parra, dele Segovia, Cecile Hobbs, Della Monk, Sandra Thomas, Theresa Apoca, Colleen Sherman, Lisa Castillo, Stephanie Hendricks, Nancy Gonzales, Judy Trahan.



Above: First Semester Officers, top to bottom: Elaine Martinez, secretary; Brenda Gabaldon, treasurer; Susan Barela, captain; and Rhonda Gallegos, demerits. Center: Second Semester Officers, kneeling, left to right: Sylvia Barela, demerits; Rita Gutierrez, secretary. Standing, left to right: Gina Gonzales, treasurer; Pam Bachicha, captain; and Lorena Tafoya, co-captain. Below: Pep Club marches to "Tinkling Brass" at Christmas Assembly.



Pep Club



Lori Baca



Lynette Chavez



Claurice Hall



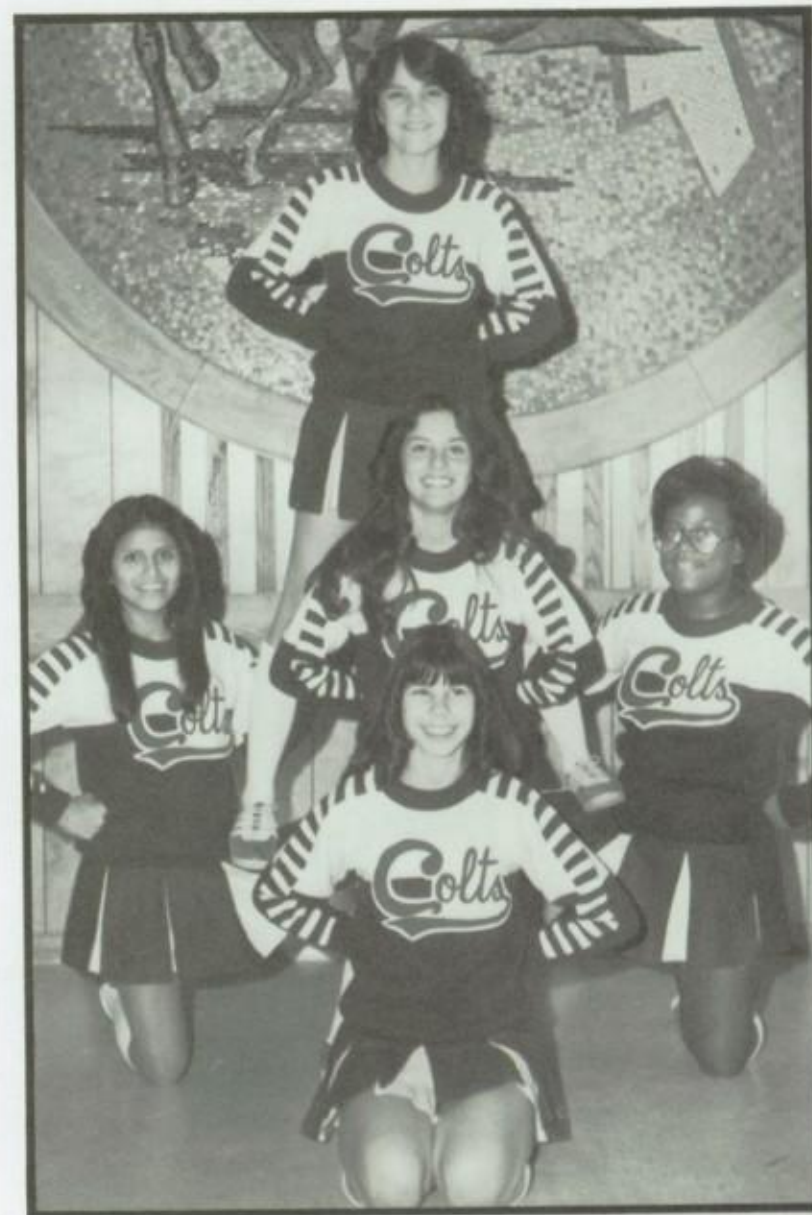
Debbie Rue



Patricia Griego

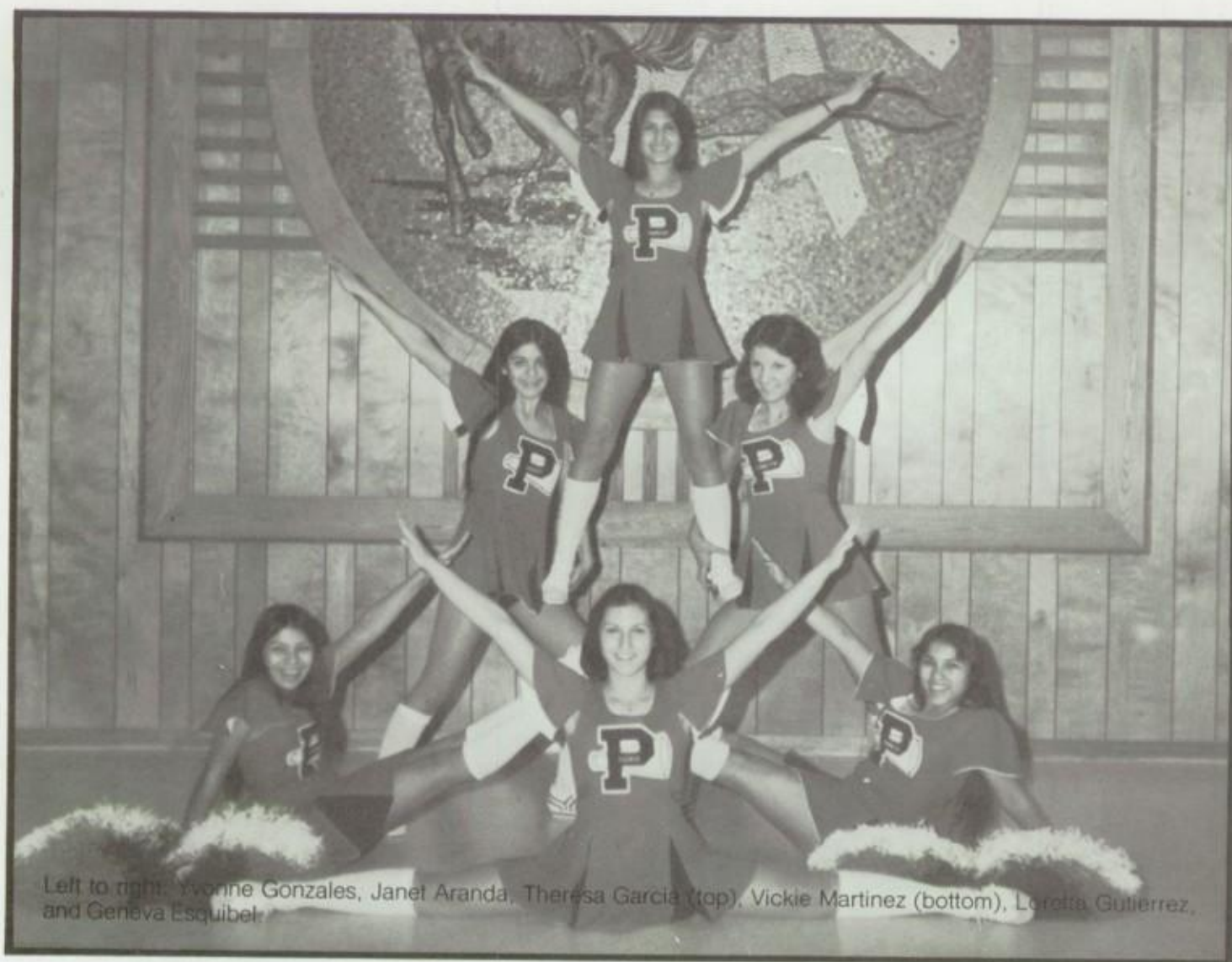
B TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Sponsor: Mrs. Danella Davis
Purpose: To cheer at B Team events and to boost school spirit by setting a good example for others through their friendly and positive attitude.



Left: Lori Baca. Center: Debbie Rue. Right: Claurice Hall. Top: Patricia Griego. Front: Lynette Chavez.

B Team Cheerleaders



Left to right: Yvonne Gonzales, Janet Aranda, Theresa Garcia (top), Vickie Martinez (bottom), Loretta Gutierrez, and Geneva Esquibel.



Loretta Gutierrez practices to make perfect.



"Is my arm straight?" says Vicki Martinez.



Janet Aranda and Theresa Garcia join in with the gang.

C-TEAM CHEERLEADERS

Sponsor: Mrs. Danella Davis

Purpose: To cheer for C-Team events and boost school spirit for all sports.

C Team Cheerleaders

GERMAN CLUB

Sponsor: Monika Hoberling

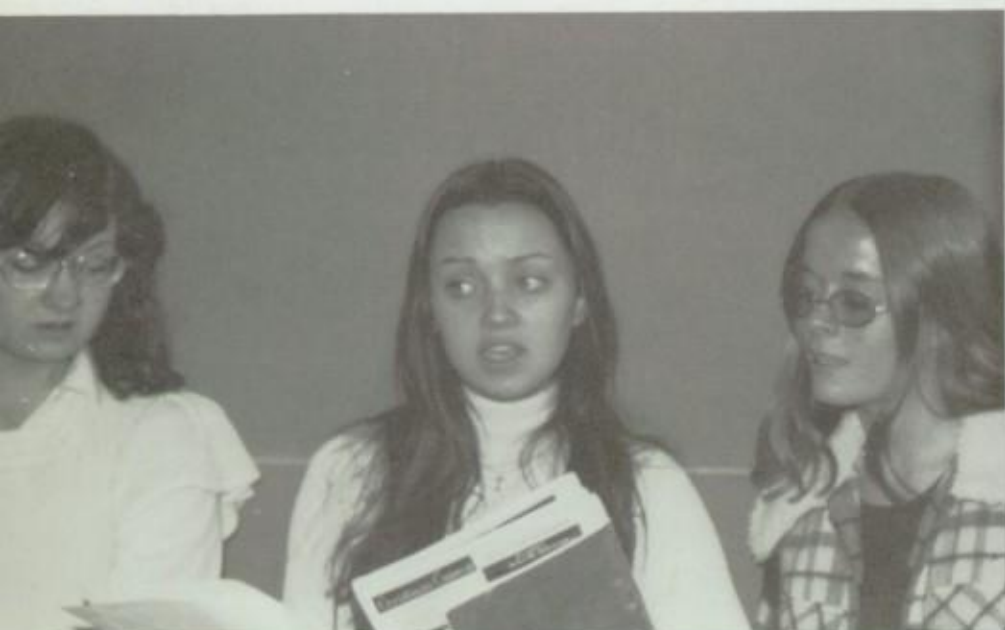
Officers: President, Renata Chandler; Vice President, Willi Ball; Secretary-Treasurer, Carmela Tafoya.

Purpose: To acquaint ourselves with the German culture and language; meet other German students and have fun.

Highlights of the Year: A weekend in Taos and a German symposium at Glorieta with German students throughout New Mexico.



Matthew Jaramillo, Chantal Winkless, Carmela Tafoya, Renata Chandler, Willi Ball, Jennifer Gaddis, and Brock Winkless have fun at their first Christmas Party.



Jennifer Gaddis, Renata Chandler, Carmela Tafoya practice for German play.



Bernie Rowe takes a rest after a long mountain ride.



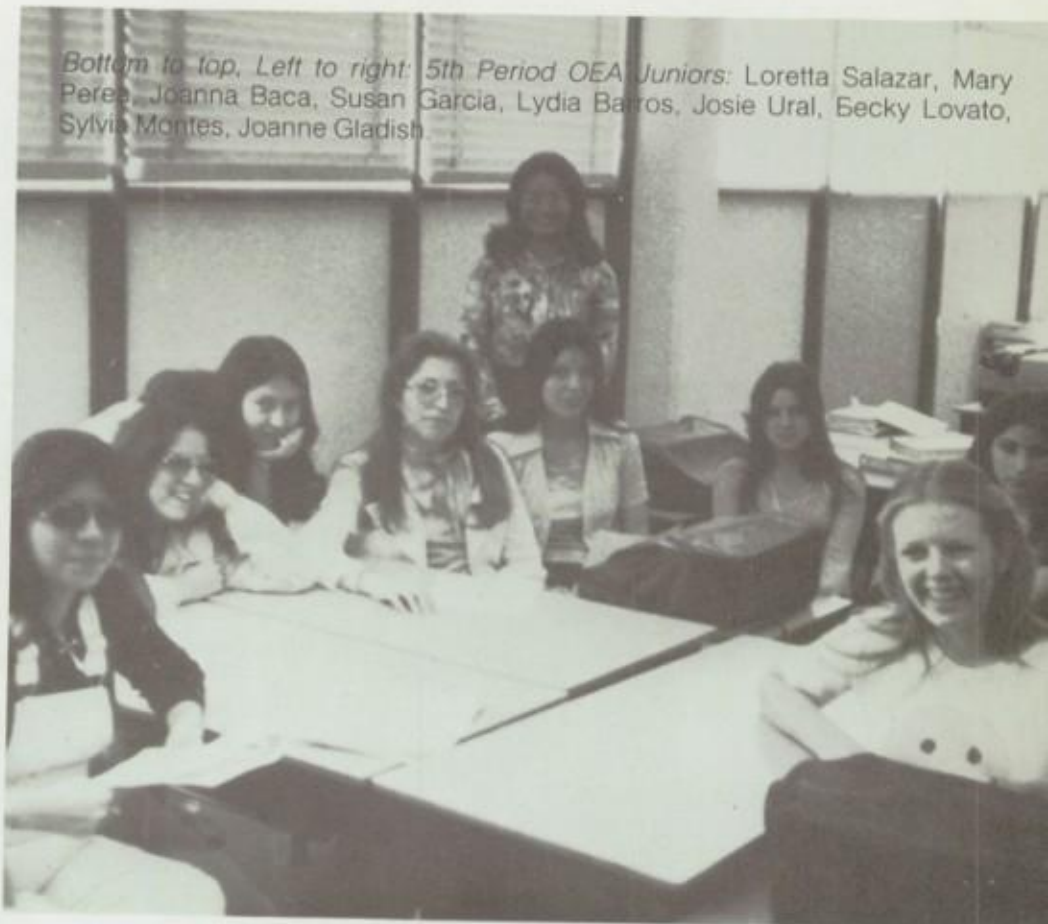
Nick Konwin, Willi Ball, Fred Apodaca, Donna Karioss, Lisa Salazar, Martha Luzero, Sammy Herrera, Carmela Tafoya, Patricia Monk, Lisa Tafoya, Jennifer Gaddis, Rochelle Merrills, James Isaacs, Wyane Bennett.

German Club

Bottom to top, Left to right: 1st Period OEA Juniors: Diane Garcia, Angela Sanchez, Lucy Zamora, Mary Anne Valdez, Tina Lopez, Beverly Diaz, Debbie Garcia.



Bottom to top, Left to right: 5th Period OEA Juniors: Loretta Salazar, Mary Perea, Joanna Baca, Susan Garcia, Lydia Barros, Josie Ural, Becky Lovato, Sylvia Montes, Joanne Gladish.



Bottom to top, Left to right: 1st Period OEA Juniors: Sandra Espinosa, Loretta Baca, Bernadine Chavez, Corine Mirebal, Sheila Floyd, Myra Trujillo, Cathy Montoya, Virginia Garcia, Darlene Mitchel.



Bottom to top, Left to right: 4th Period OEA Juniors: Pam Griego, Kathy Summers, Lorelta Chavez, Mary Chavez, Evelyn Cordova, Cathy Cordova.



Bottom to top, Left to right: 4th Period OEA Juniors: Cathy Gurule, Helen Tafoya, Jeanette Perez, Donna Okeson, Diane Martinez, Sarah Gallegos, Debbie Casaus, Annette Lucero, Julie Gonzales.



OEA JUNIORS

Sponsor: Mrs. Danella Davis

Officers: President, Pam Griego; Vice President, Cathy Montoya; Secretary, Annette Lucero; Treasurer, Becky Lovato; Parliamentarian, Beverly Diaz; Historian, Julie Gonzales.

Purpose: To promote vocational competence through vocational educational to socialize with students with the same interests.

Highlights of the Year: Selling flavored pens, glitter plaques, gum, chocolate chip cookies, OEA Week, modeling show, competing in contests.

OEA Juniors



Carl Bonilla
All-State Orchestra



Bottom to top, Left to right: Matthew Romero, Luis Quintana, Natalie Gaylord, Linda Tompkins, Bernadette Aragon, Nick Saavedra, Tim Nichols, Richard Sanchez, Carmelita Aragon, Joanne Baronian, Sylvia De Leon, Denise Aranda, Pat Baca, Ponce De Leon, Terri Heins, Betty Wurst, Carlton Hall, Kim Vallier, Gina Slack, Olivia Alvarez, Vickie Anaya.



Ponce De Leon — Violin
Luis Quintana — Cello
Albuquerque Youth Orchestra



Carmelita Aragon — Violin
Matthew Romero — Cello
Albuquerque Junior Orchestra



Ponce De Leon — Violin
Carl Bonilla — Violin
All-State Orchestra Representatives



Carlton Hall, President; Ponce De Leon, Vice President; Bernadette Aragon, Treasurer.

ORCHESTRA

Sponsor: Ms. Mignot

Purpose: To get orchestral students together and to broaden their musical scope and appreciation.

Orchestra



Row 1: Ann Abeyta, Phyllis Ayers, Diana Smullen, Jeanette Gonzales, Theresa Lovato. Row 2: Velma Sepulveda, Julie Bermudez, Elisa Salazar, Christine Lee, Phyllis Garcia. Row 3: Cheryl Martin, Mrs. Casselberry, David Jaramillo, Kenneth Vigil, Gilbert Trahan, Quintin Stephens, Floyd Carns.



CONCERT CHOIR — Class Officers
Judie Bermudez — Secretary
Velma Sepulveda — Treasurer
Phyllis Garcia — Vice President
Jeanette Gonzales — President
Theresa Lovato — Librarian



Row 1: Patricia Gallegos, Peggy Salas, Cindy Gonzales, Vicki Armijo, Kathy Baldonado, Nancy Cordova, Maria Cardenas. Row 2: Roy Metzgar, Glenn Pierce, Ricky Martinez, Danny Winters, Gilbert Trahan.



Row 1: Kathy Fuentes, Mary Chavez, Cabrina Steinbracher, Lisa Sanchez, Rocio Ponce, Glorinda Hernandez, Susan White, Debbie Lezeng. Row 2: Sandra Romero, Lawrence Sanchez, Alan Lezene, Israela Garcia, Jerome Torres, Marilyn Moquino, Diana Rolfe, Liz Alderette, Azalea Morgan, Loretta Montoya, Neva Sanford.

Chorus

1. Chaparral students dance "La Varsoviana" for LEU assembly. 2. Stephanie Sena, Gabriela Gallardo, Dennis Valdez are busy at work at the Winter Carnival. 3. John Madrid, Annette Padilla, Isidro Lovato stop for a picture before presenting gifts to the Homecoming Queen. 4. Armando Robles, Isidro Lovato, Anna Salazar, Debra Lovato raise money for LEU by selling tamales in A Foyer.



LOS ESTUDIANTES UNIDOS

Sponsor: Sra. Julia K. Gabaldon

Officers: Annette Martinez, President; Darcell Atler, Larry Gallegos, Vice Presidents; Debbie Davalos, Rose Tafoya, Secretaries; Monica Moya, Treasurer; Robert Torrez, Parliamentarian.

Purpose of Club: Cultural awareness, exposure of opportunities for Chicanos, awarding scholarships.

Highlights of the Year: Spanish Heritage Assembly, "Así es Nuevo Mexico" November 13th, 1975. Special Guests: Gov. Jerry Apodaca, Mayor Harry Kinney, Al Hurricane, Tiny Morrie, Baby Gaby, Al Hurricane Jr., and band performance. LEU "Students of the Month": Oct. — Theresa Reyes, Nov. — Isidro Lovato, Dec. — Rose C De Baca, Jan. — Gabe Jaramillo. Christmas program at St. Joseph's Manor in Bernalillo; Appearances on Forum 13 and Channel 23, KMXN; LEU scholarship benefit dance in girls' gym on March 19th with "The Purple Haze"; LEU Scholarship benefit concert in Boys' gym on April 1; Field trip to Santa Fe in March; Presentation of ten \$200.00 Scholarships at Honors assembly.



Los Estudiantes Unidos

1. Brown Bear interviews Monica Moya as she "tries" to make tortillas. 2. Stephanie Sena busily paper maches one of her most artistic pieces. 3. Baby Gaby sings at LEU cultural assembly. 4. Darcel Atler, Gerri Ann Luna, and John Madrid pose with owner of CH. 23, KMYN Roberto Perez. 5. Mrs. Gabaldon just can't believe the day she's had! 6. Left to right, front row: Luis Quintana, Kristine Aragon, Mark Cordova, Gina Gonzales, Luvín Contreras, Juvencio Toledo, Mrs. Gabaldon. Second row: Rose Tafoya, Monica Moya, Connie Ornelas, Velma Sandoval, Robert Salazar, Annette Lucero, Mark Blea. Third row: Jolyne Luna, Dorothy Garcia, Nancy Gonzales, Rose C. De Baca, Debbie Griego, Michael Romero, Debbie Chavez. Fourth row: Stephanie Sena, Robert Flores, Marie Chavez, Dora Gloria, Joanne Chavez, Lorraine Chavez, Gloria Torrez, Monica Sanchez. Fifth row: Cris Coriz, Dennis Valdez, Marsha Telles, Marlyne Ortega, Arlene Fietze, Patricia Martinez, Donna Martinez.



LEU

SPEECH CLUB

Sponsor: Donna Donohue

Officers: Greta Quezada, President; Margaret Aragon, Vice President.

Purpose: To provide members an opportunity to improve speaking skills through competition and comradship with other speech organizations.

Highlights of the Year: Carnival — West Mesa, District and State tourneys in spring, National Forensic League try-outs in April, here in Albuquerque.

Speech



Left to right: Margaret Aragon, David Lujan, Greta Quezada. Standing: Diana Rolfe, Anna Waldron, Becky O'Connell.



Left to right, Bottom to top: Clarabelle Padilla, Darlene Brewer, Connie Ornelas, Shari Montoya, Carla Zamora, Yolanda Elizondo, Carla Flores, Charlene Lovato, Denisha Romero, Magdalena Gelabert, Laura Angel, Sylvia Barela, Courtney Horn, Angela Quinn, Bill Edward, David Hare, Debbie Taylor, Karen Martinez, Stella Vigil, Hannah Barka, Becky Lovato, Mr. Romero, Eileen Apodaca, Ramona Baca, Toni Vigil, Ann Stephenson, Lydia Pacheco, Cynthia Ramirez.

DECA

Sponsor: James J. Romero

Officers: President, Alex Montano; Vice President, Patricia Marquez; Secretary and Treasurer, Liz Matlock; Historian, John Gallegos; Parliamentarian, Cynthia Marquez.

Purpose: "Develop future leaders in the field of Markets and Distribution."

Highlights of the Year: The highlights of the year will be the different conferences that individual students attend. These conferences include local, state, and national Career Development Conferences.

DECA



Left to right, Bottom to top: Amy Jaramillo, Sheila Floyd, Jamie Montoya, Laura Leppke, Laura Skinner. Row II: Mr. Romero, Lorena Gutierrez, Mary Lueras, Bernadine Lovato, Barbara Orona, Leonard Sanchez.



Left to right, Bottom to top: John Gallegos, Karen Martinez, Valerie Zamora, Marie Cote, Gloria Chavez, Gail Chavez, Mr. Romero, Loreen Whipple, Anthony Anaya, Cynthia Marquez, Alex Montano, Yolanda Solano.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Sponsor: George Shepenson

Officers: President, Dave Gavi; Vice President, Vincent Rodriguez; Secretary and Treasurer, Mike Rodriguez.

Purpose: The purpose of the club is to develop friendship among athletes and to learn more about the Christian Life.

Highlights of the Year: A week at camp that some of the boys attend each year. At this camp are outstanding professional and college Christian athletes who help the boys in sports and the Christian Life.

FCA

Bottom to top, Left to right: Danny Jordan, David Gavi, Mike Rodriguez, Richard Silva, Vince Rodriguez, Tony Sanchez, Dino Vallejos, Billy Lucero, Quintin Stephens, Mr. Shepperson.



LETTERMAN'S CLUB

Sponsor: Coach Richard Dow

Officers: President, Marty Valencia; Vice President, John Gamble, Secretary and Treasurer, Tom White; Sergeant at Arms, Tony Sanchez.

Marty Valencia — President, Tim White — Secretary and Treasurer, John Gamble — Vice-President, Tony Sanchez — Sergeant at Arms.

Bottom to top, left to right: Billy Lucero, JoJo Sprunk, John Mascarenas, Joseph Zamora, Marty Valencia, Danny Jordan, Tony Sanchez, Dino Vallejos, Lenoard Rue, Tony Weber, Mike Rodriguez, Lawrence Serna, Chris Briceno, Carlos Casias, Bob Francisco, Phillip Casias, Tom White, John Gamble, Peter Tartaglia, Ralph Garcia, Mike Molina.



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and Fortuna intersection. This has actually had little effect on the rate at which traffic flows.

The Coors reconstruction begins at the intersection of Coors Road and Central Avenue and ends just short of the freeway going east. At present Coors Road is divided into two separate lanes. The side of the road going south is slower than the side going north. What the final outcome is going to be is one big question mark.

The construction of Coors is dangerous for pedestrians and motorists alike. Many have a

MUSTANG WORLD



Health Careers Offers Job Opportunities to Students

By Debbie Williams

ng for a career? The medi-
is interesting and exciting.
is good and there are many
available for qualified people.
Careers can open the door
new career.

Mesa offers two Health
programs funded by the
Vocational Department.
rograms have been operat-
the past four years. The
are Health Careers I, a
ir course, and Health Car-

ers II (cooperative). Both classes
are taught by Ms. Nina Adkins.

These two Health Career courses
are really great experience for
students planning to enter into the
health field. They become aware of
what the health field is really like
and learn what jobs are available to
them. Health Career II students
receive actual job training and
experience and get paid for it.
These classes are recommended for
students who are and aren't plan-
ning to attend college.

Health Careers I is offered for a
full year to junior and senior
students interested in exploring
and observing various health-relat-
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special types of patients such as
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deficiencies.

Second semester students have

operation take place. They will see
what it's really like in an operating
room while surgery is going on.

Health Careers II (cooperative) is



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Journalism



1. Sylvia Barela and Diane Hinton try unsuccessfully to get Tim Caffrey to laugh. 2. Sylvia Barela calls out for an ad subscription for the Newspaper. 3. Debbie Williams pins up a notice for staff members. 4. Pleased at their work Daniel Hinton, Sylvia Barela, Lorretta Lucero, Debby Williams and Ms. Gibbons take time to look the newspaper over. 5. Busy doing a layout are Judy Love, Len Montoya, Manuel Franco, Diane Hinton, and Berlinda Barela. 6. Manuel Franco types a feature story. 7. Co-Editors Tim Caffrey and Berlinda Barela design a layout for the newspaper.



MUSTANG WORLD

Sponsor: Steffanie Gibbons
 Officers: Berlinda Barela, Tim Caffrey, Co-Editors: Manuel Franco, Sports Editor; Photographer, Lenny Montoya; Diane Hinton, Business Manager; Daniel Hinton, Cartoonist; Reporters: Sylvia Barela, Judy Love, Kathy Brower, Loretta Lucero, Debbie Williams

EL CHICOTE

Sponsor: Mrs. Tina Templeton

Staff Members:

Editor	Charlotte Lujan
Assistant Editor	Pauline Lovato
Student Life Editor	James Baca
Sports Editor	Mark Blea
Organizations Editor	Sandy Stephens
Art Editor	Phil Lucero
Academics Editor	Debbie Garcia
Senior Editor	Leonard Corona
Index Editor	Phyllis Garcia
Classes Editors	11th — Theresa Salazar
	10th — Ymelda Valdez
	9th — Debbie Garcia

Business Manager and Advertising Editor: Mark Blea

Photography and Darkroom: James Baca, Leonard Corona, Dorothy Garcia, Gabe Jaramillo

Staff Workers: Hannah Barka, Marie Lujan, Yolanda Maestas, Mary Perea, Wayne Bennett, Andrea Garcia, Christine Maldonado, Gina Sanchez, Larry Gallegos.



1. Mrs. Templeton moans over captions she's proofreading. 2. The entire staff assumes its most natural pose — monkeys on a jungle gym. 3. Pacifier in mouth, Editor Charlotte Lujan prepares to meet her staff. 4. Hiding out from the outside world are, Left to right: Wayne Bennett, Pauline Lovato, Dorothy Garcia, Hannah Barka, and Phil (Van Gogh) Lucero.

El Chicote

1. Staff slides straight down the tubes! 2. Theresa Salazar and Christine Maldonado soak up sun. 3. Marie Lujan and Yolanda Maestas learn cropping technique. 4. Gabe Jaramillo takes a temporary break from his diet. 5. Mary Perea decides maybe she'll go to class. 6. Leonard Corona is so happy to have the Senior section done. 7. Sandy Stephens types another impeccable layout. 8. Ymelda Valdez and Debbie Garcia model the yearbook T-shirts fetchingly. 9. James Baca has enough equipment for an army. 10. Phyllis Garcia works on her index.



Yearbook



ACADEMICS

. . . And There Will Be Windows



Mr. Ernest Stapleton



Mr. Robert Montoya

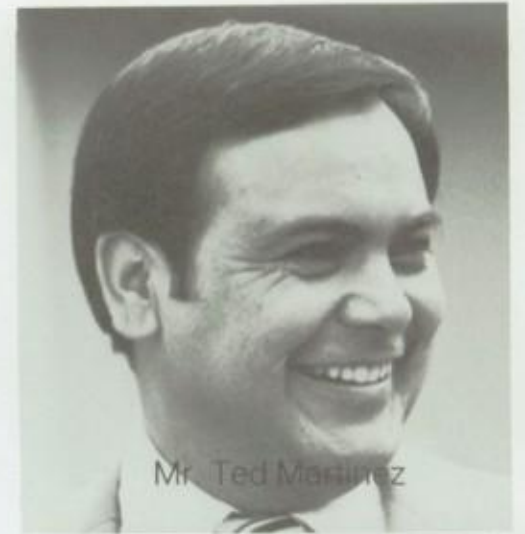
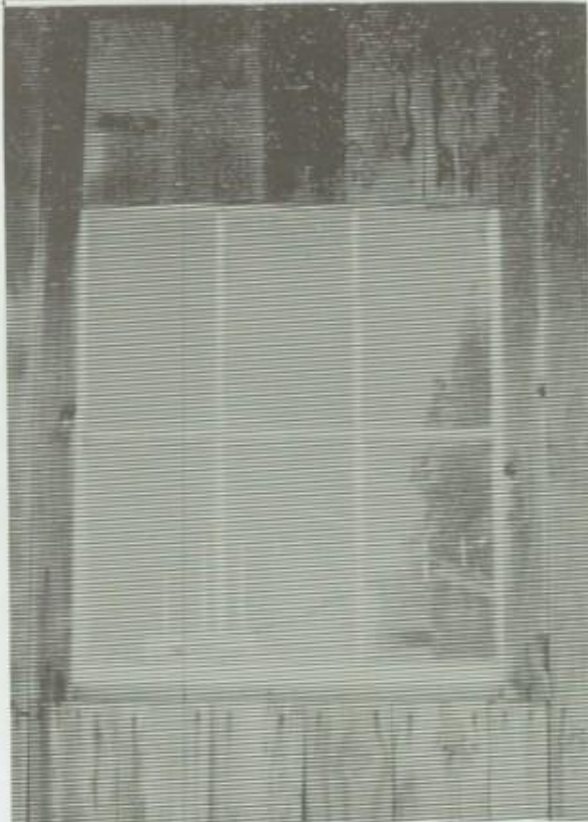


Mr. Bob Evans

Administration

Serving as Superintendent of the Albuquerque Public Schools is Mr. Ernest Stapleton. North Area Superintendent is Mr. Robert Montoya and Mr. Bob Evans holds the position of North Area Director of Secondary Schools.

The elected School Board members are headed by Mr. Ted Martinez, now serving as president. They are being honored here for their time and efforts in the support and betterment of education for Albuquerque.



Mr. Ted Martinez



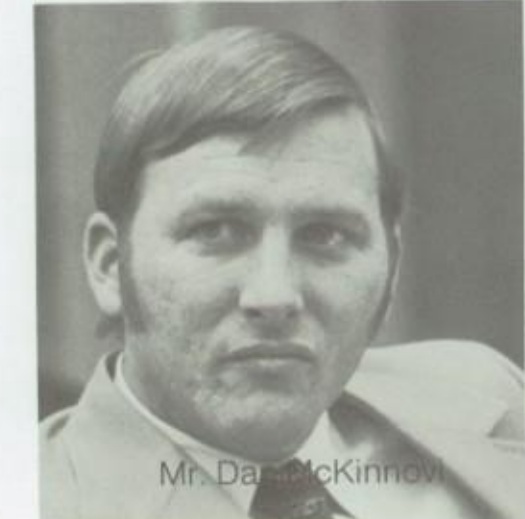
Mrs. Corrairie Gutierrez



Mr. Joseph Zanetti



Mrs. Maureen Luna



Mr. Dan McKinnon

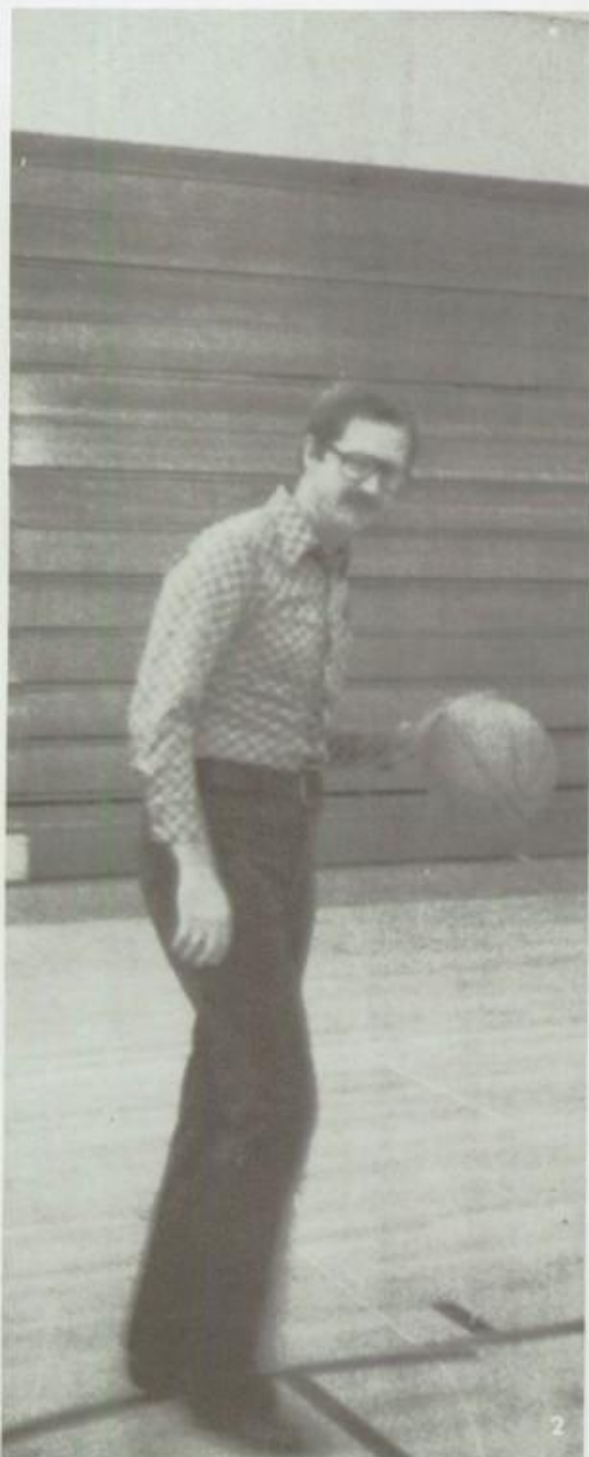
All Around Versatile Guy — Our Principal Bill Reid



Mr. Reid is currently serving his second full year as principal at West Mesa High School, and he is always a 100% Mustang fan. Besides spending many hours at school, Mr. Reid seems to find time for his hobbies, which include playing basketball and making jewelry.

When asked to give a quote for *El Chicote*, Mr. Reid said:

"I've really enjoyed my two years at West Mesa, and have appreciated the cooperation and support I've received from the staff, students, and community. West Mesa is a fine school and I look forward to many more good years in the Home of the Mighty Mustangs."



1. Mr. Bill Reid enjoys one of his many hobbies, crafting turquoise and silver jewelry. 2. Playing basketball is one of the activities Mr. Reid enjoys away from school. 3. Even with his very tight schedule, Mr. Reid finds the time to go out on campus and meet the students.

Multi-Talented Assistant Principals Keep Busy

Mrs. Marilyn Zanetti
Assistant Principal, Curriculum

"Education, like a tropical flower, needs the right conditions if it is to grow: mutual trust, commitment, and hard work by student, teacher, and administrator."

Mr. Abel McBride
Assistant Principal

"I'm Able"

Three dynamic individuals serve West Mesa High School as Assistant Principals. Mrs. Marilyn Zanetti, who is serving her second year, is in charge of the school's curriculum. Mr. Abel McBride, who started teaching Spanish when West Mesa High School first opened, is one of the Vice Principals in charge of students. He also serves as Majority Whip in the State Legislature. Mr. Armando Velasquez is the other Vice Principal in charge of students.

Mr. Armando Velasquez
Assistant Principal

"Get to class."



1. Mr. McBride spends a portion of his time working for his constituents in the New Mexico State Legislature. 2. Mrs. Zanetti displays her enthusiasm for one of her favorite pastimes, gourmet cooking. 3. One of Mr. Velasquez's favorite ways of unwinding from the routine is putting around with cars. 4. The Assistant Principals take pride in one of West Mesa High School's many trophies.

Counselors Offer College Center



Secretary Dee Hansman can find just about anything in her desk.



Mr. Sammy Soto

Education is like women — you can't live with them and you can't live without them."

Anita Johnson

Hang in there baby, Friday's coming."



Mr. Kirby Houston

Wertie Gibson

"I never met a student I didn't like."



Mr. Eloy Baca

"You can't win 'em all."



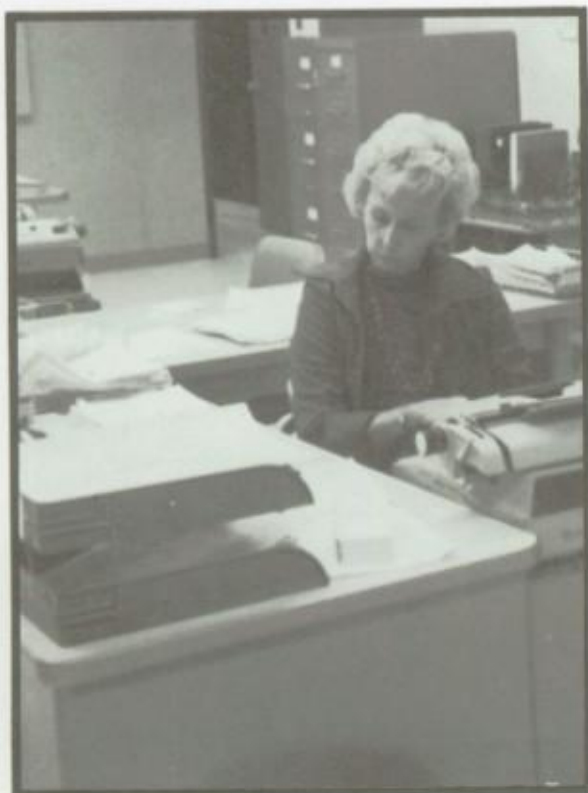
Mrs. Betty Kelley

This year the West Mesa High School Counseling Department has done a lot to bring students closer to their future. Mr. Kirby Houston, Head Counselor, along with the other counselors, have developed a College Center, which is a room with reference material and information on nationwide colleges and universities. "It's a lot of help," agree students for whom preparing for college can be a mysterious and difficult experience. The counseling staff is available for individual conferences with students, teachers, parents, and groups.

Key Personnel Keep West Mesa High School

Pictured here are the people who keep West Mesa High School going "in gear." Each one is vitally important in doing his job, which no one else could do. Secretaries, aides, clerks, staff — all are an integral part of our busy school.

1. Elma Tompkins begins another incredibly busy day at her desk. 2. Mr. Thomassen, Activities Director, looks at the world through his double door.



Dee Hansman

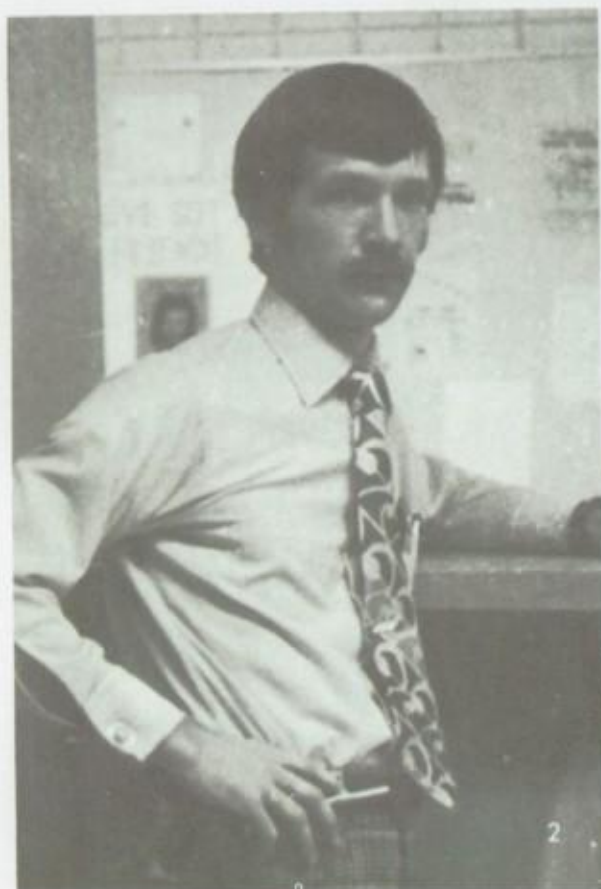


Tina Lucero



Dorothy Zimmerly

Very Important Persons



Caroline Gonzales



Betty Jo Stripling



Elma Tompkins



Susan Thompson



Anna Barela



Ralph Gonzales



Sue Martin — Media Center



Ruby Lovejoy

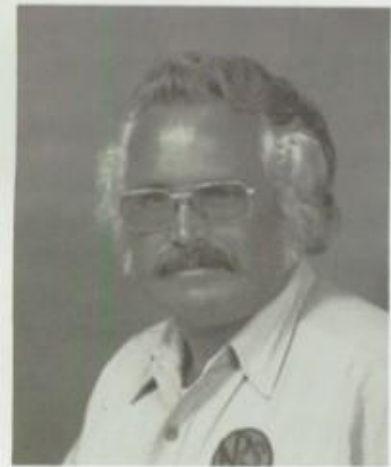


Angela Rios



Robert Milliman, APD

Running In Gear, Day In — Day Out



Rudy Mora — *Head Custodian*
Joyce Swanson — *Nurse*
Tim Thomassen — *Activities Director*



Lois Weidman — *Nurse's Aide*
Albert Archibeque — *Campus Aide*
Richard Duran — *Campus Aide*



Cafeteria Staff

Novic Benavidez
Bertha Gurule
Dolores Herrera
Chris Moreno
Emily Quantania
Delia Sedillo
Mary Silva
Ramona Solono
Beatrice Rivera



Custodial Staff

Johnnie Anaya
Albert Garcia
Rudy B. Mora
Pete Ramirez
Joe Trujillo

Library Offers Much To All





Paperback Section

Library

The student center, better known as the Library, was run by their fearless leaders Mrs. Lynne Greene, and Ms. Joan Peterson. Besides their regular duties as librarians they also sold donuts, and sponsored various clubs. This year our library includes a paper back section which is the largest and most comprehensive in the state. The library also features a Freedom Shrine presented to the school by the Albuquerque Exchange Club.

Lynne Greene
Librarian

"I tries to give them good direction,
I finds them in the Southwest section.
Embracing seems to be the fad,
Boy, these kids are really 'bad!'"

Joan Petersen
Librarian

"Students going all about,
They don't behave, we throw them out.
Some read a book, some take a look.
We check to see how much they took."

Ralph Gonzales
Education Aide

"I'm the only man in the biblioteca.
Some people might think 'that's a pain
in the necka.' I don't mind, it's not that bad.
Matter-of-fact I'm kind of glad."

Ruby Lovejoy
Education Aide

"I'm a sentinal at the door,
helping students and much more.
Keeping records, taking passes.
Catching kids skipping classes."

Dorothy Zimmerly
Education Aide

"Back in the stacks where it's musty
and dark. I'll find you a
magazine with a 'racey part.
Car Craft, Car Driver, Cycle
World and more. If they're not on
the shelves, they'll be on
the floor."



Joan Peterson

Beauty In Many Forms Springs From Art

Liza Gene Sanchez
Art Survey, Textiles, Jewelry

"Good enough is not good enough."



Vivian Lujan
Ceramics, Textiles, Art Survey

"Art is living itself . . . for that reason the objective of art instruction should be that of instilling in the individual a sensitivity to the arts; thus life, living."



Toni Drake
Art Survey, Painting, Sculpture

"Too many people are afraid to see and to feel."



Department's Expressive Students

Ed Gnall
Arts and Crafts (Jewelry)

"The lure of teaching does not lend itself to explanation or analysis by means of capsule philosophic pronouncements. Such statements, of necessity, contain as many truths as those of poetry's blind men commenting on the essential characteristics of the elephant."



Kathryn White
Drawing, Painting, Art Survey

"Life is short but art endures."



Art

This year West Mesa High School's Art Department began a new series of individualized classes such as Jewelry, Painting, Sculpture and Ceramics, as well as Introduction to Fine Arts, and Art Survey.

"This system allows a student to get more involved in different kinds of art," says Mrs. Toni Drake, Art Department Head.

1. James Baca proudly displays a handmade statue of his "son." 2. Harold Ayers begins work on turquoise ring. 3. Drawing by Richard Kouri, grade 12.



Business Ed Students Prepare For Competitive

Diana Dickson
*Typing, Career Awareness, Clerical
Record Keeping*

"Watching students learn a skill is exciting. Their own personalities emerge, along with their improvement and success, and it is easy to get to know them as they really are."

James J. Romero
Distributive Education, DECA

"A DE and DECA animal is a West Mesa student and a DE and DECA trainer is a DECA circus teacher."



Danella Davis
*Office Education I, Forkner Shorthand,
Intermediate Typing*

"The most exciting thing in the world is to discover a new skill — to learn. Teaching is fun because teachers get to share in the excitement of discovery day after day."

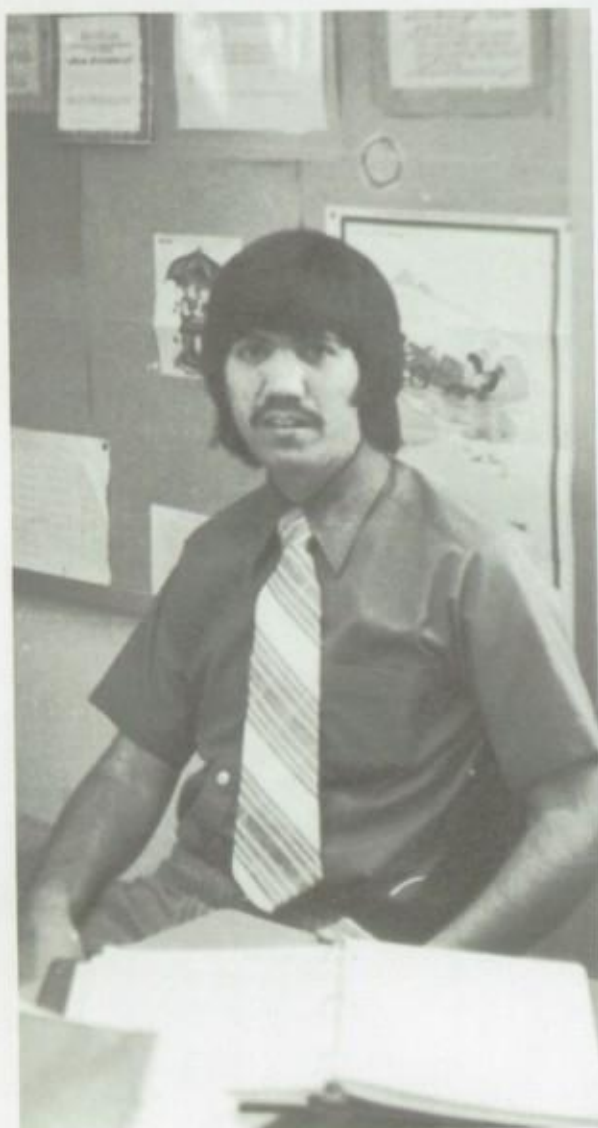
Joe Torres
*Accounting, General Business,
Typing I*

"You have to travel to other countries to really appreciate what a great educational system we have. There's none better, and I wish we could impress our students with this."



Donna McAdams
Shorthand, Data Processing, Typing

"Although career education has just become the in-thing, the business department has been concerned with it for a long time! Our basic courses such as typing and shorthand are a stepping-stone toward any career; while we are also able to offer many other courses that are careers in themselves."



Highly Skilled Office Careers In Many Areas

Shirley Turner
Typing

"Teach a subject you really like, make the students want to learn, and challenge them!"

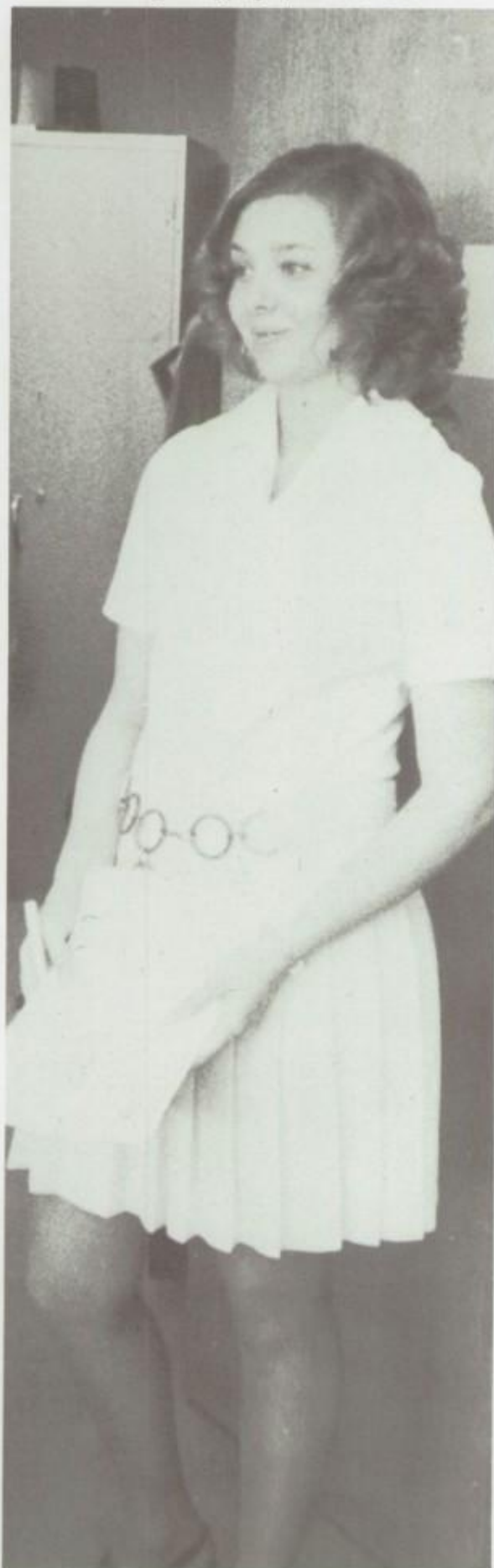
Jane Claunch
Office Education II, Clerical, Office Education II Secretarial

"I believe teaching is a continuous striving by administrators, teachers, and students to reach and set new goals. It is helping people to achieve their capabilities and dreams."



Marty Fox
Office Education II Co-op, Intermediate Typing

"I wish I could learn to read the announcements without circling the typographical errors."



Business

Business is their business!

The purpose of Business Education is to make a person well-rounded in all types of office skills and able to handle many types of job situations in this field. Included in Business Education is typing, shorthand, general business, bookkeeping, data processing, office practice and accounting. These kinds of skills are not only helpful upon entering a business career but also for personal use. In our Business Department we have 2 word processing machines, 23 calculating machines, 3 duplicating machines, 1 mimeograph machine, 125 electric typewriters, and 77 manual typewriters. The department head is Mrs. Jane Claunch. She has been here at West Mesa High School for 3 years!



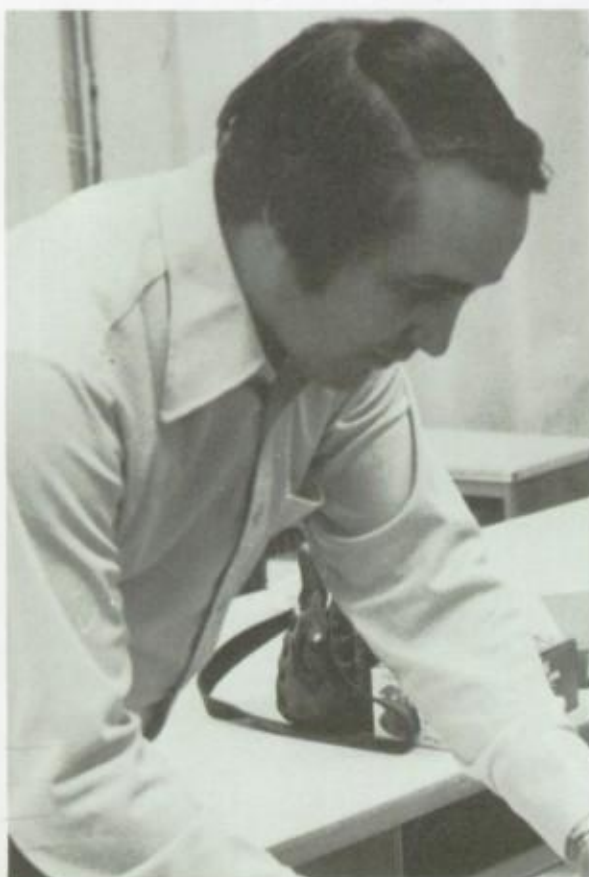
Largest Department — English — Offers Variety

George E. Shepperson
English III, Bible Literature

"You will never leave your footprints on the sands of time by sitting down."

Bill J. Ayres
English IV

"Education is . . . the freedom to become . . ."



Mickey Prokopiak
English, Drama I, II, III, Theater Production

"I get so disappointed with people who make excuses for failure. The only excuse for failure is lack of sincere effort, for a person who gives his best, tries his hardest, will always be a winner and always be a success."



Steffanie Gibbons
English I, Journalism (Newspaper)

"Teaching is the best means I've found for increasing my own education."

Patricia Barnes
English II

"I find teaching to be the most enjoyable occupation I could have chosen."



In Elective Choices Of High Interest

Beverly Parker
English III

"Education is what one has left after subtracting what is forgotten from what one has learned."

Mary Jane Major
English II and IV

"Words are not vague symbols to be pushed around whimsically. Words stand for real things and happenings."

Linda Lefton
English I, Short Stories, Informative Writing

"Working with young people is fabulous. They are so honest, so sincere, so willing to try new and different things. For the most part, they don't put on airs. I see in them some hope for the future."

Donna Donahue
English I, Speech I, II, and III

"In this environment, it would seem that an ability to communicate meaningfully is as important as a mastery of content."



English Includes Listening, Speaking,

Francie Straw
Reading Lab

"Teaching is a game; I usually break about even!"

Jane A. Hughes
English II, III

"No, we don't have a pass now, study later plan."

JoAnn Coffee
English II, Chicano Literature

"Dime cuanto sabes, y te diré cuanto vales. Tell me how much knowledge you possess and I will tell you how much you are worth."



Tina Templeton
English I, Journalism I and II: Annual

"Freshmen need to be cared about. I want to help them feel good about themselves."



Reading, And Writing Practice

Helen Yoakum
English I, How to Survive in "75"

"The best teacher is the one who works himself out of a job."

Marilyn Winkler
English II

"I find teaching a challenging but also a rewarding experience."

Vicki Laws
Communications Media, English I

"After leaving the teaching profession for one year and working in professional journalism, I realize how much I enjoyed teaching. Teaching high school is where it's at for me. I'm very happy to be at West Mesa."



Rhoda R. Prall
English III, Bible as Literature and History

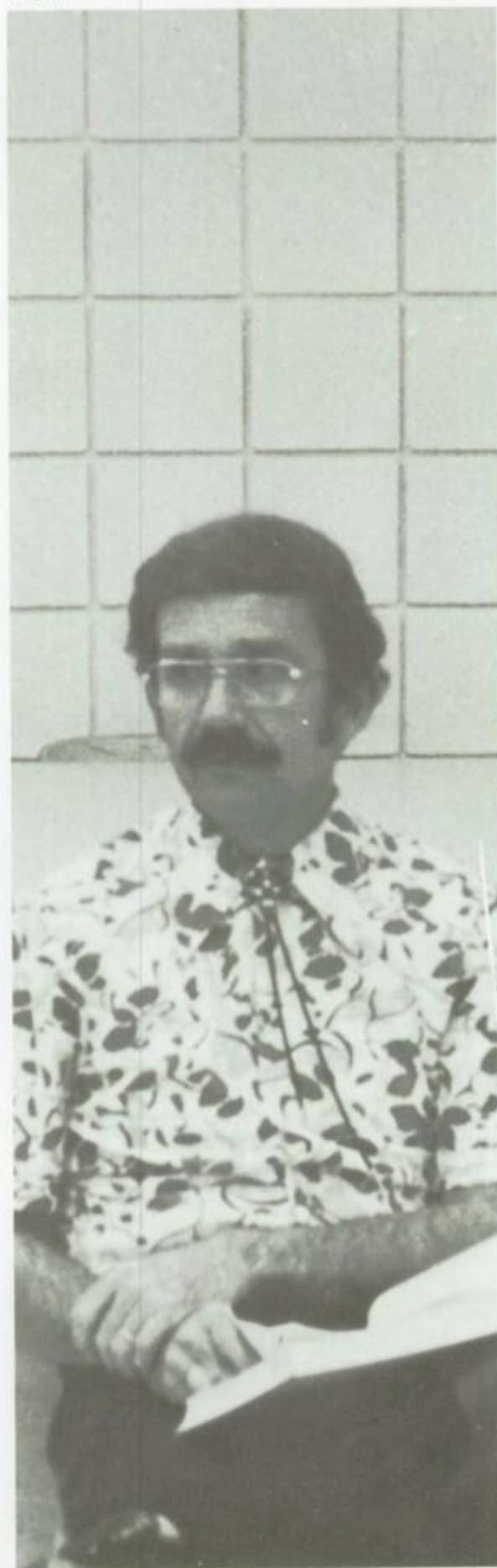
"Around 450 B.C., Euripides put it as well as anyone, 'Whoso neglects learning in his youth, loses the past and is dead for the future.'"



Research Paper Caps Senior English

Claude Lewis
English I, Senior Humanities

"As Confucius said, 'Knowledge is to know both what one knows and what one does not know.' "



Mary Steele
Creative Writing, English II

"Students who are ready to learn delight me, for then I am able to help them — or teach."



English

We all know English isn't everybody's favorite subject. And here at West Mesa High School we realize that! This year we have 88 sections of English. However, out of those 88 sections there are some exciting new classes. For example, "How to Survive in 75," (which is for seniors only). Other than English I, II, III, and IV, some alternatives offered are Creative Writing, Bible Literature, Speech, Reading Lab, and many more. So why be bored with English when you've got such a choice?



Navy Tradition Strong With WMHS's NJROTC Members

Commander P. G. Hartman
NJROTC

"Teaching is like being at sea, sometimes very calm, sometimes very hectic, but all the time changing."



Chief Thomas Mayberry
NJROTC

"Let's get it on, have it done. Take a vacation, and have a whole lot of fun."



NJROTC

With the clang of dangling medals, the crash of rifle butts on the cement, and the swish of the Navy sabers, West Mesa High School's NJROTC cadets show achievement in the Navy program. True West Mesa spirit is displayed in good Navy tradition as the cadets perform at assemblies, football games, and practice their drills on the campus. Through various fund-raising campaigns such as candy and cake sales and carwashes, the cadets make enough money to sponsor a Military Ball, an Annual Family Night, and other social events.

1. NJROTC Drill Team performs at Kirtland Air Force Base on the 200th birthday of the Navy. 2. "Hey, you! They want you on the phone." 3. "Up, up, and away! Go Navy!"

Foreign Language Department Offers Cultures

Julia K. Gabaldón
*Modeling and Communication
Skills for the Career Girl, Spanish*

"La enseñanza es donde yo me siento feliz. Tratando de preservar nuestra cultura hispana y nuestro lenguaje español, tratando de conocer y trabajar con la comunidad, tratando de desarrollar la idea, 'soy bilingüe' bicultural y orgulloso de mi raza."

Jenison Allred
Spanish 1, 5

"Quien sabe dos lenguas vale por dos."

Monika Hoerberling
German, English

"Das Leben ist ein Kampf. Siegt!"

Foreign Language

Tape recorders, records, films: these are a few of the varied types of equipment used in teaching the foreign language classes not only the language but also the culture of the various countries are taught.

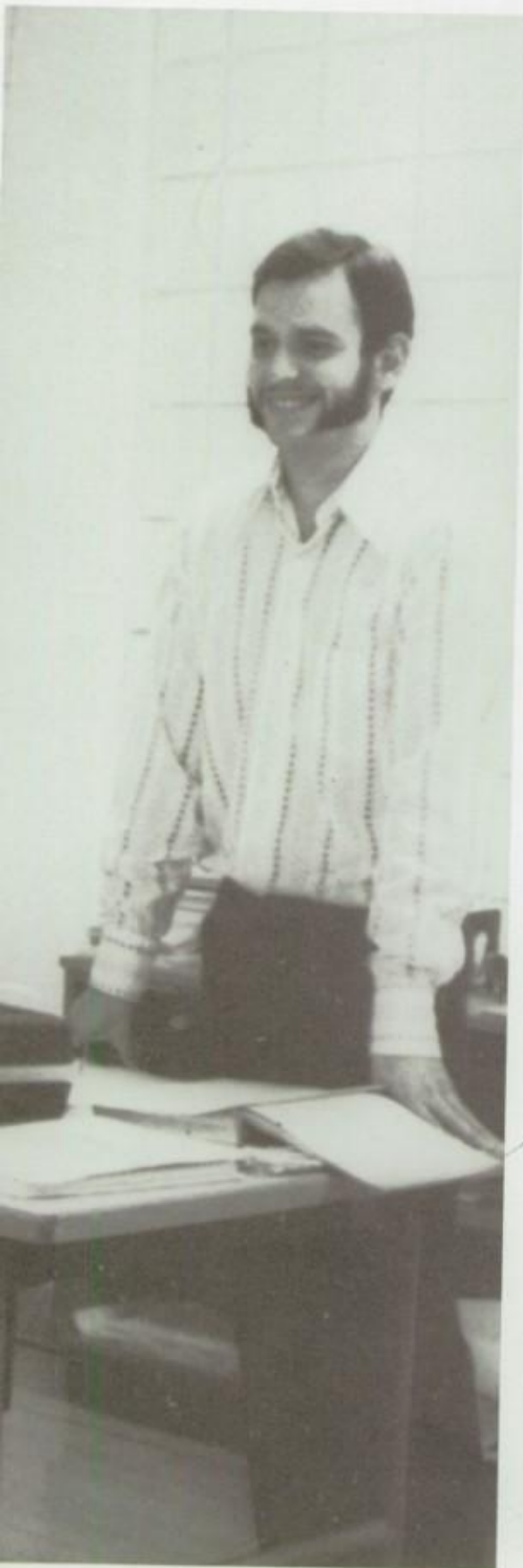
Grabadores, discos y películas. Estos son solamente unos cuantos de los muchos tipos de equipaje que se usan en la enseñanza de idiomas extranjeros: no solo el idioma, pero la cultura de los países que hablan estos idiomas son enseñados.

Man gchaucht viele verschiedene methoden um die deutsche Sprache und die Kutlur zu. Tonbanda parate Schallplatten, und Filme werden oft benutzt.

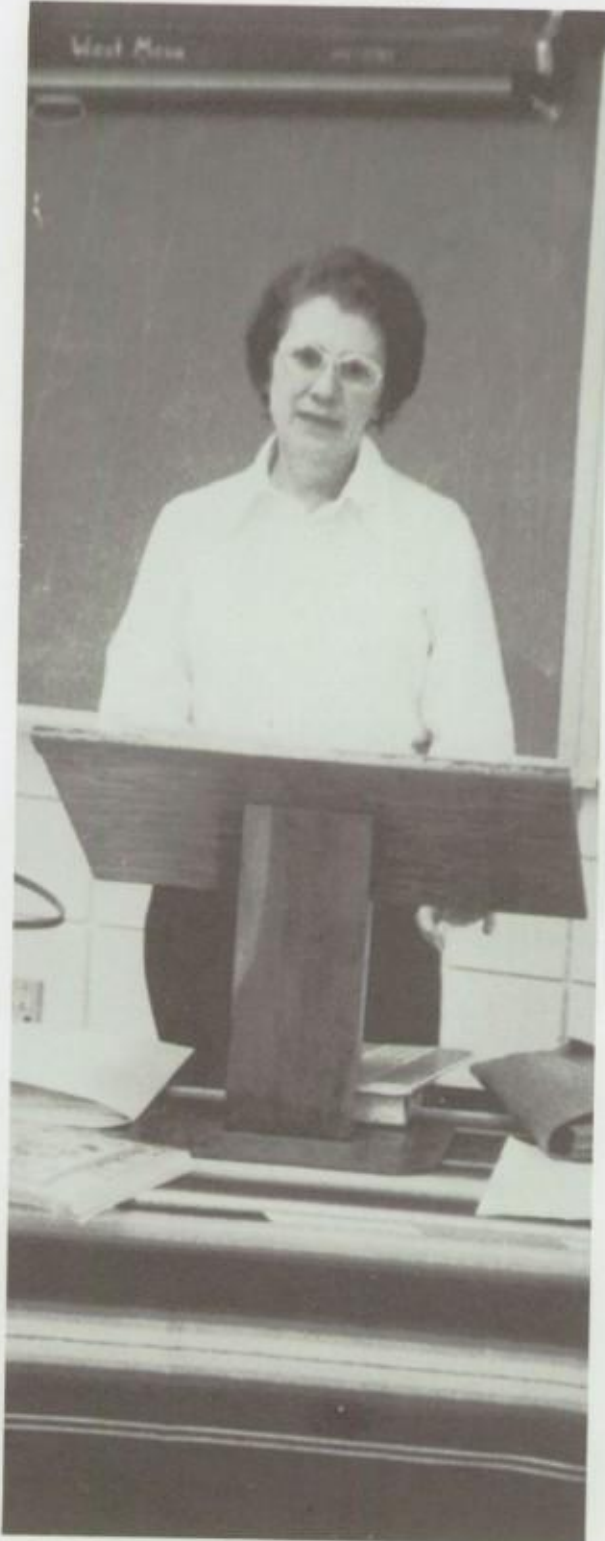


And Languages: German, French, Spanish

Esquipula Vigil Jr.
Spanish, Civilización Hispánica
"Educate, que solo el burro trabaja con la espalda."



Theresa Salas
Spanish 2, 3, 4
"Un hoy es más de dos mañanas."



Lois Goldfarb
French 1, 2, English 1

"Les élèves de West Mesa sont vraiment formidables!"



Who Needs Calculators? Math Teachers Sharpen

Paul Volchansky
Basic Math, Algebra I

"Remember that the mere acquisition of factual knowledge is only one means to an end, and that to a growing intellect the end is seldom in sight."



Donald Bauer
Elem. Algebra I, Basic Math, Algebra

"Learning is often stunted by books — something that most of us feel are necessary. Reading about things often don't think enough. Even a woodpecker would die if he didn't use his head!"

Sohela Erteza
Algebra I, Elem. Algebra, Fund. Math



Bradford Dalton
Algebra I, Basic Math, Elem. Algebra I

"The future of the world is on these students, so they must be taught to think."

Harry House
Algebra I, Basic Math, Geometry, Elem. Alg. I

"You got a personal problem?"



Students' Computing Skills

Sue Compton
Elem. Alg. I and II

"As Queen of Mullet Kingdom, I have a special interest in all my subjects and find watching the maturing of my students from mullets to responsible adults a great reward."

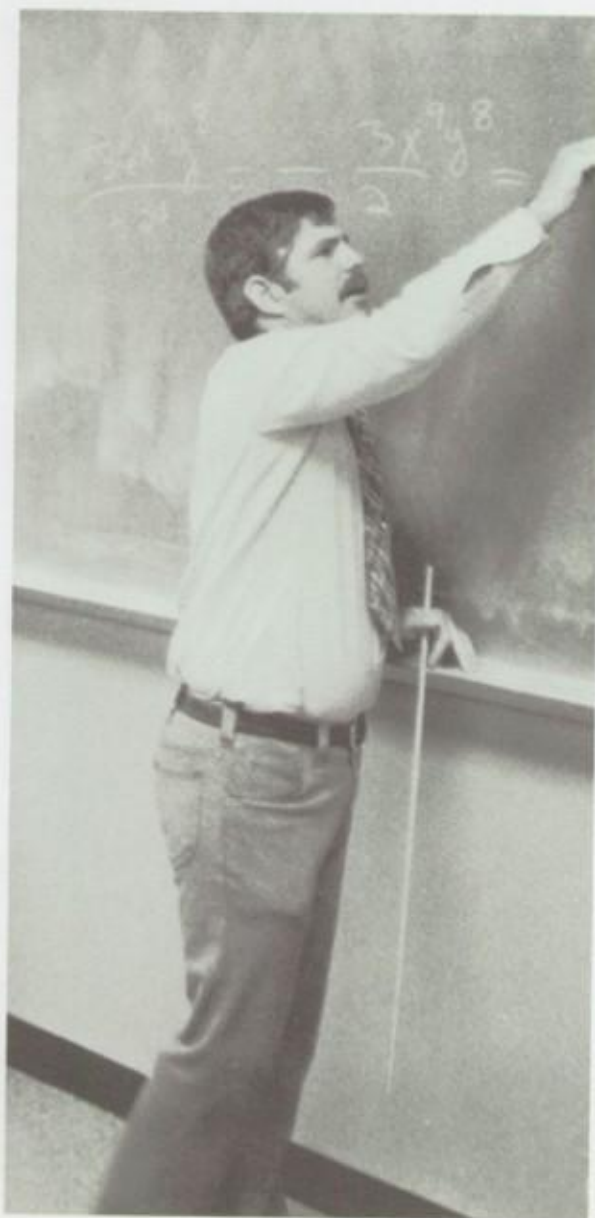
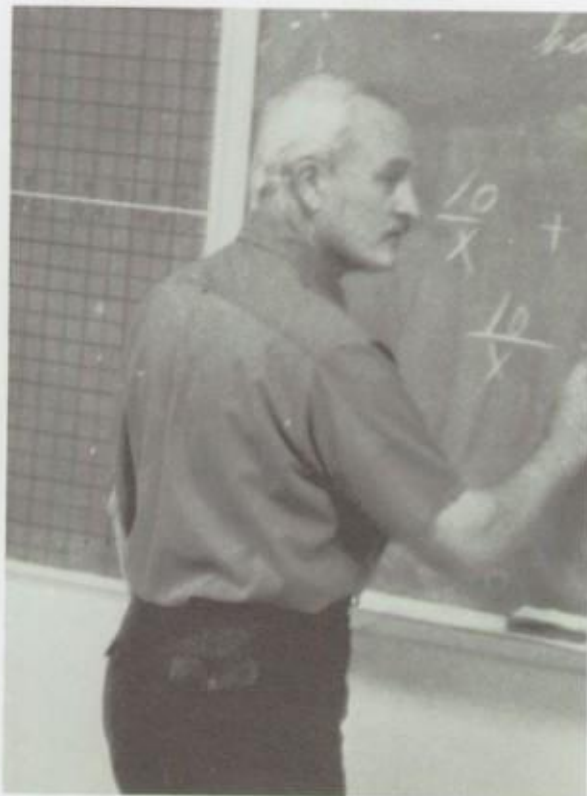
Octaviano Valdez
Business Math, Elem. Alg. I, Modern Trig.



Gilbert Davis
Basic Math, Algebra II, Elem. Alg. I

Jerry Schenck
Geometry, Elem. Alg. I, Algebra I

"Ours is not to reason why. Ours is but to teach and cry."



Math

Our Math Department has gone great this year with Mr. Paul Volchansky as department head. There seems to be no limit to the knowledge that can be obtained about mathematical areas: Algebra, Geometry, Business Math, Trigonometry, to name a few. Progress at one's own speed and individual effort are two of the most important aims in the math program.



Musically Talented Students Perform Capably

Ray Bell
*Symphonic Band, Percussion Class,
Stage Band, Concert Band, Music
Theory*

Music

No matter how the music is arranged, West Mesa High School students sing or play their best. Whether it's in Chorus, Band, or Orchestra, students perform capably at assemblies, games and outside-of-school performances. Mr. Ray Bell, Band; Mrs. Carol Mignot, Orchestra; and Mrs. Berlene Casselberry, Chorus, lead their students in successful performances.



Berlene Casselberry
*Concert Choir, From Bach to Rock,
Choir I and II*

"The noise from the arts is good if the students know what they're doing and enjoy it."



Carole Mignot
Orchestra



Orchestra students warm up before upcoming performance.

Girls In Sports Achieving Increased Recognition

Velma Swendson
Girls P.E., Team Sports, P.E.

"Love West Mesa! Looking new in Albuquerque!"



Girls P.E.

With increased emphasis and recognition of the importance of the woman's place in sports, girls P.E. classes are much more than just an exercise hour. Familiarity with all kinds of sports such as field hockey, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, and tumbling is gained by P.E. students in this vital and active department, whose chairman is Ms. Gloria Vigil.

Gloria Vigil
Individual Sports, Girls P.E.



Ms. Sheryl Clemmer
Girls P.E., Team Sports

"Happiness is being physically fit."



Boys' Physical Education Boasts New

Richard Dow
Boys P.E., Study Hall, Athletic Director

"Earn as much knowledge and strength as you can today; you'll need it."

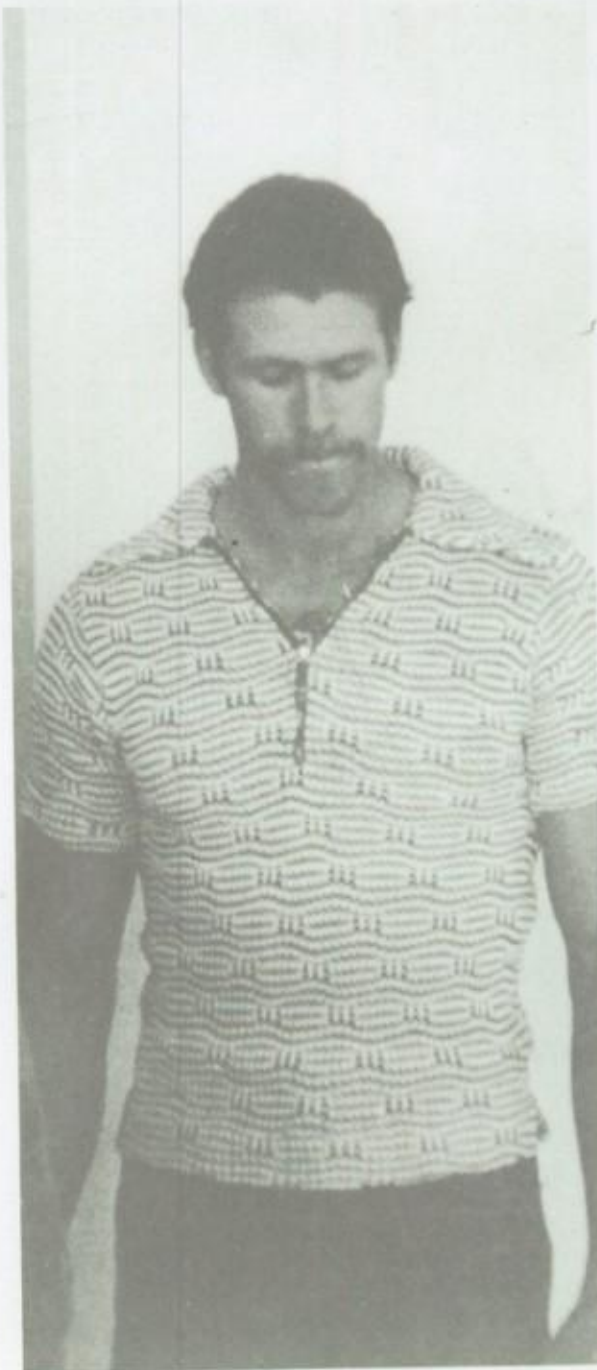


Fred Romero
Boys P.E., Team Sports, Athletic Director, Department Head

"If you cannot win, make the one ahead of you break the record."



Ken Johnson
Boys P.E. III



Individualized Program; And Handsome Coaches

Matt Henry
Boys P.E., Study Hall

"Forgive your enemies — if you can't get back any other way."



Pedro José Pino
Boys P.E.

"The only things worth learning are the things you learn after you know it all."



Boys P.E.

"West Mesa High School has the handsomest coaches in the city," is a comment heard more than once around the campus. Led by Coach Fred Romero, the Boys' Physical Education department has begun a special program tailor-made to a student's athletic abilities. Students are participating in team and individual sports such as football, basketball, swimming, badminton, and soccer at their own level of proficiency.

1. Working out with leg weights is Rick Saavedra. 2. Ronnie Calton lifts weights to build up his muscles.



School Life Enriched By Cañoncito Students

Joy Lucero
Teacher for Cañoncito Project

"No river can return to its sources, yet all rivers must have a beginning."



Tommie Allen
Counselor for Cañoncito Project

Bella McKenzie
Secretary for Career Vocational Program



Grayce Thompson
Career Vocational Program



Cañoncito students aren't bored, just tired after getting up so early for the ride into Albuquerque.

Cañoncito Project

Students from Cañoncito Navajo Reservation are participating in a seven-year old program funded by the federal government so that they may attend public schools. Mrs. Joy Lucero, director of West Mesa High School's program, states that the participants enjoy this experience very much. The student body is also rewarded by the opportunity of sharing the school experiences with Cañoncito students.

Vocational Rehabilitation Students On The Job

Juanita Lenk



Janie Horton

"You are alive and someone recognizes your worth — embrace your heart with joy."



Michael Chandler reads about a job description.



Phyllis Boyadjian

"Look upon your mistake as learning experiences, not as failures."



Vocational Rehabilitation

The Vocational Rehabilitation class is made up of fourteen students who come to school for three classes and then spend several hours on the job. This class is for grades nine through twelve. There is also a Pre-Vocational class for ninth and tenth grade students only. Faculty members are Mrs. Juanita Lenk who has been here at West Mesa High School for nine years, Mrs. Phyllis Boyadjian who has been at West Mesa High School for two years, and also Mrs. Janie Horton who has spent her first year here.

Home Economics Offers Cooking, Sewing,

Midge Arthur

Clothing I and II, Foods I and II

"Home Economics offers any student the opportunity to enrich his or her family life by learning how to become a more productive and worthwhile family member."

Susie Ray

House and Interior Design, Foods 1 and 2, Human Development

"West Mesa is an interesting place to work."

Virginia Trujillo

Child Care and Guidance

"Working with West Mesa students to get our pre-school underway is fantastic! I couldn't have made it without them!!

Betty Klassen

Preparation for Parenthood, Preparation for Future, Human Development, Independent Living

"Life is full of interesting activities. Take advantage of as many as you can."



Health Careers, And Much, Much More

Mary Lueckenhoff Teacher Aide Coop Training

"TACT is a wonderful opportunity for seniors to find out if they would like to be an elementary school teacher or to work with special kinds of children. Most students do not have a chance to see what it is really like until they are seniors in college."



Nina Adkins Health Careers

"The Health Careers program at West Mesa High School is fantastic! The community is cooperating to let these students see things that I haven't seen in 12 years of nursing practice."



Home Economics

The Home Economics Department at West Mesa High School had a wide variety of classes this year. Other than Foods I and II and Clothing I and II, they had classes such as House and Interior Design, Health Careers, and Teachers' Aide Cooperative Training that help students in future careers. The Home Economics Department had many classes that help students in meeting responsibilities in the future. For example: Preparation for the Future, Preparation for Parenthood, Care and Guidance of Young Children and Independent Living. Nowadays no one can say Home Ec is just for girls!



Industrial Arts Encourages Both Creative

Craig Spreacker
Auto Mechanics

"Get your head out of your 'grease' and get to work. This is not a place for a beauty contest."



Charles Ohler
ICT I and II

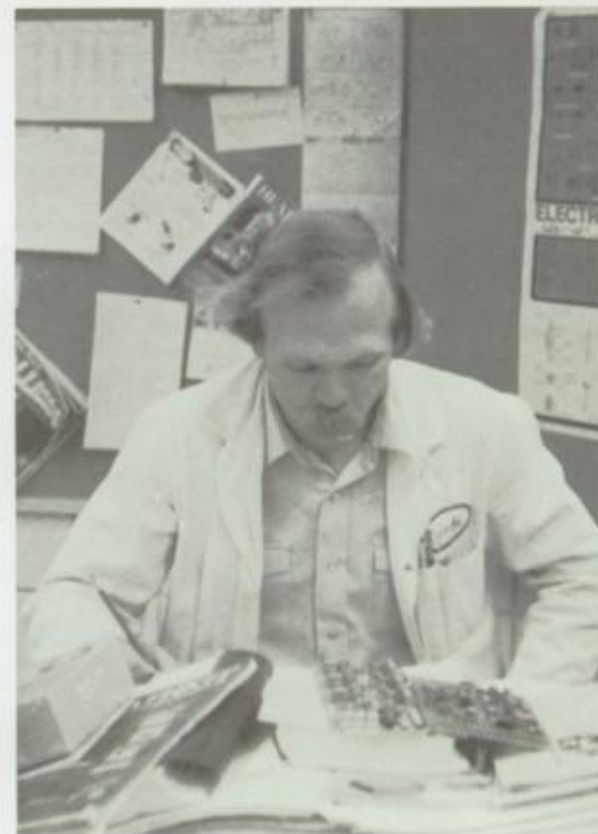
"It is my contention that poor work which a student does is never wasted; it can always be used as a horrible example."



Wayne Krinke
Electronics

José Rivera
Woods I and II

"We don't put up with students; they are our work."



Minds And Skilled Hands

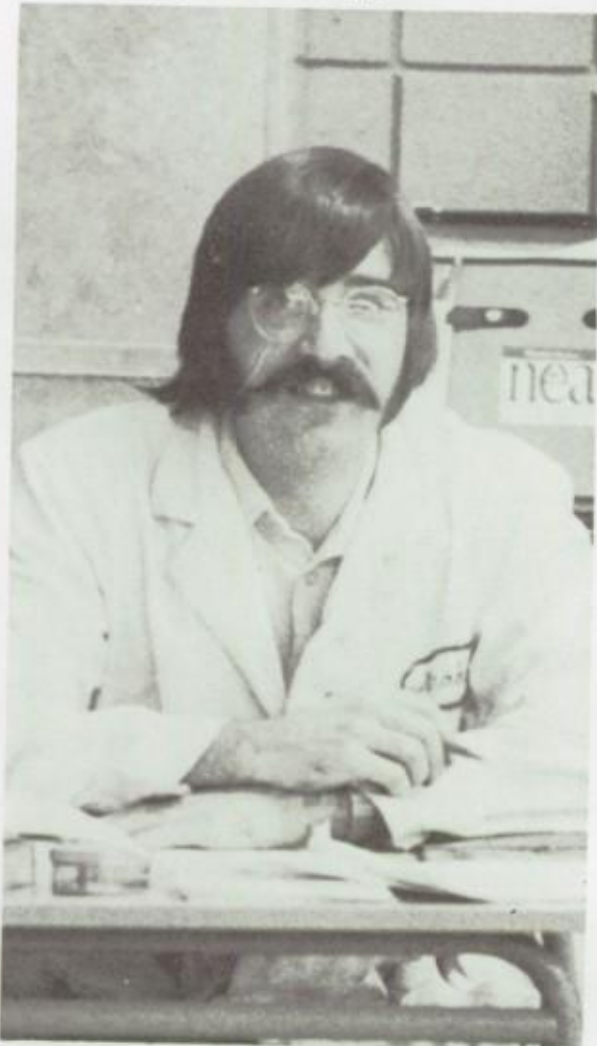
Michael Collins
Drafting

"Each student should have to be a teacher for one day to appreciate both positions."



David Drake
Metals

"O.K. people, let's clean it up!!"

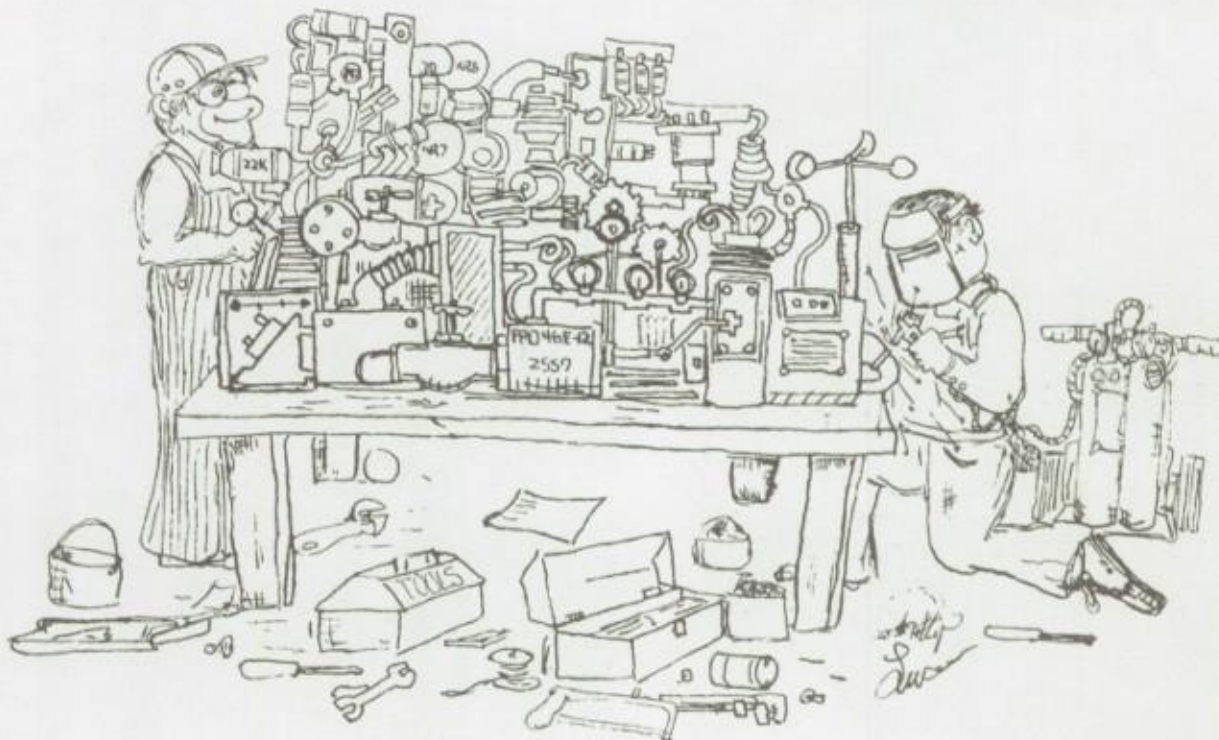


Industrial Arts

Industrial Arts has a variety of classes to offer for students at West Mesa High School. Classes like Metals and Woods give students the experience of working with machines and tools. Other classes like Auto Mechanics, Drafting, and Electronics are for those who like to work with their hands as well as their minds. Experience in these courses helps in future careers both in giving students valuable, marketable skills, and also helping them select a field in which they are proficient and interested.



Robbie Rue and Judy Torres show that Woods is not just for boys.



Science Department Bustles With Energy

Herbert D. Graubard
*Biology 1, 2, The Human Animal, and
Career Enrichment Center*

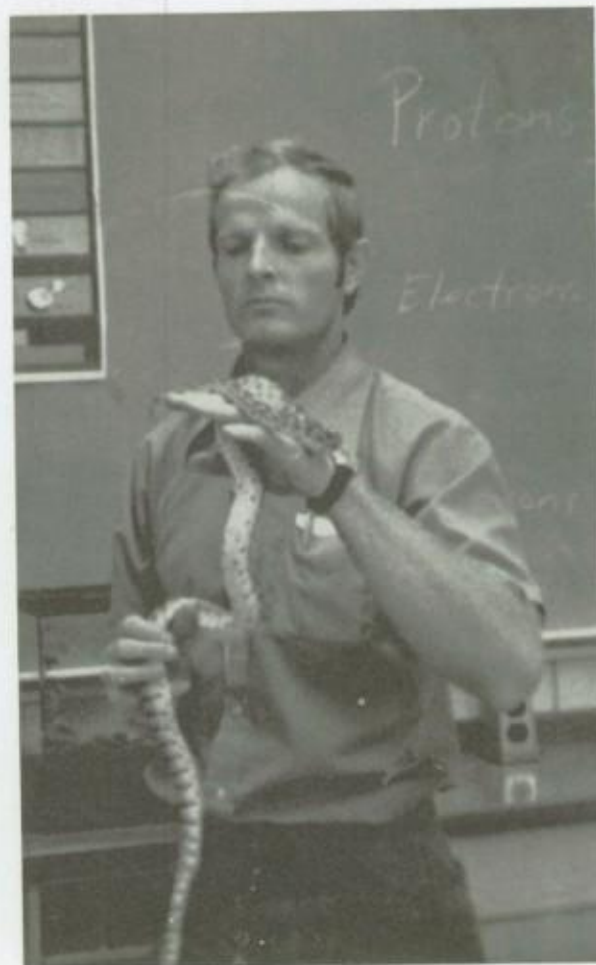
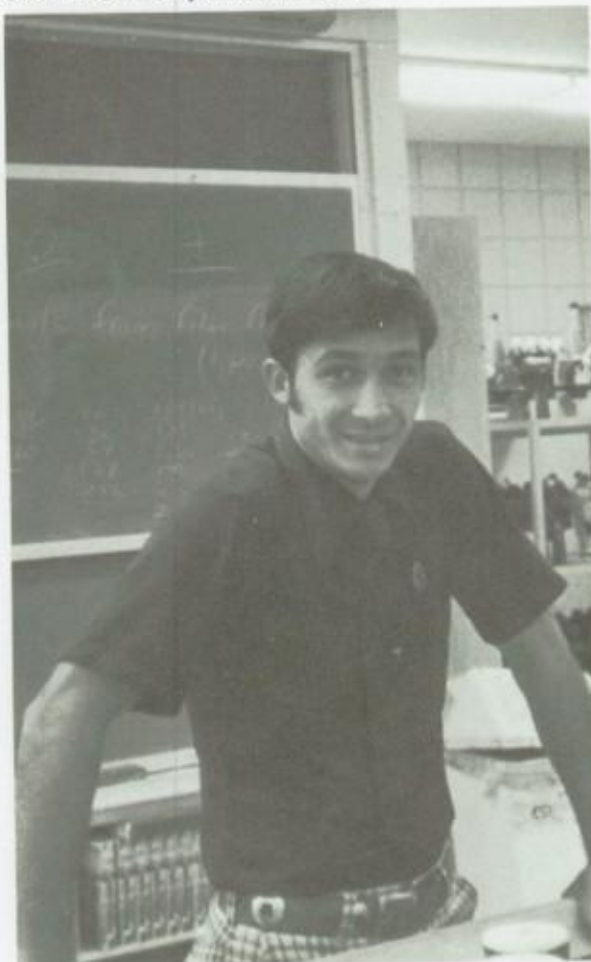
"Education has been an important cornerstone throughout my life. My feelings concerning the importance of education are reflected in the following quotes: 'He who does not learn deserves to forfeit his life' — Hillel-Themishna and 'Whoever teaches his son, also teaches his son's son and so on to the end of generations' — the Talmud."



Tony Gallegos
*General Science, Life Science,
Weather and Pollution*

Allen Templeton
Biology, Herpetology, Mammalogy

"You don't have to do nuting in this class not even breathe if you don't want."

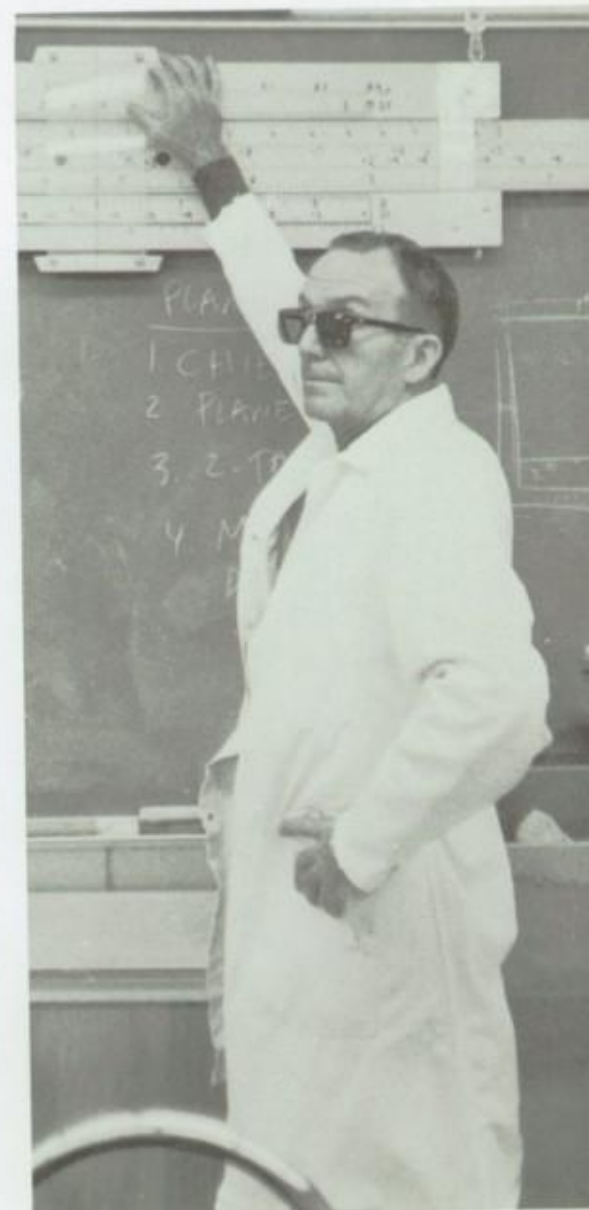


Mrs. Roberta Short
*Biology 1, Plants and Animals,
Diseases in Animals and Man*

"Teaching is like a carousel — you're up when someone says, 'Teach me — I'm hungry to learn.' You're down when someone says, 'What's the show for today?' You have the brass ring when someone says, 'Yeah' — I understand! "

Mr. Paul Geissler
General Science, Chemistry

"Kunawlege ist form da skul an I tech her at Wes Mess an I got gute traing in syunce. I no off many tings in kemstri an voden tings. Da kios her haf shaird der learnings mit me and now I read a write jus lik dem."



Animals, Experiments, Curiosity

Michael Dent
General Science, Applied Science

Mr. Rex Funk
General Science, Photography

Science and technology are wonderful tools, but if we give up trying to understand them, they may be used to enslave us."



Demosthenes Stephen Metarelis
Applied Science

"What many students do not realize, is that a good understanding of science is helpful throughout a person's lifetime."



Science

Science, "the world of knowledge," is taught to many students here at West Mesa High School. Freshmen are required to have one full year of science. General Science is an introduction to the basic principles of Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Astronomy, Meteorology, and Biology. Upper-classmen are required to have one year of Biology either in grades 10, 11, or 12.

The Science Department offers two major courses this year. They are Biology and Chemistry. Some other science electives are General Science, Herpetology and Mammalogy. Department Head is Paul Geissler.



Social Studies Shows Relevance Of Man's Past

Diana M. Eichwald
Mex. American, Native American, U.S. History

"I'm still learning."

M. A. Garcia
U.S. History

"Education should be available to everyone that wants to learn!"

Evelyn Garriss
Anthropology, People and Places

"Remember east is always to your right. Your right or is it your left?"

Linda Goff
U.S. History, Introduction to Philosophy

"No man can reveal to you, ought but that which lies half asleep in the dawning of your knowledge."

Russ Bessom
World History

"That 'Knowledge Is Power' is as true today as when I was a youth. If all realize this, a peaceful future for our country can be assured."

Connie Campbell
U.S. History

"There are no kings inside the gates of Eden."
Dylan



To His Present And Future

Ed Holling
People and Places

Rosemary Langley
Sociology

"What can I say except that my classes have been great."



Nancy Richards
Making It

"Teaching is like farming. Every year there's a new crop to cultivate."

Curtis Salmon
Making It, Study Hall



Betty Waugh
U.S. History

"Things always change, but always remain the same."

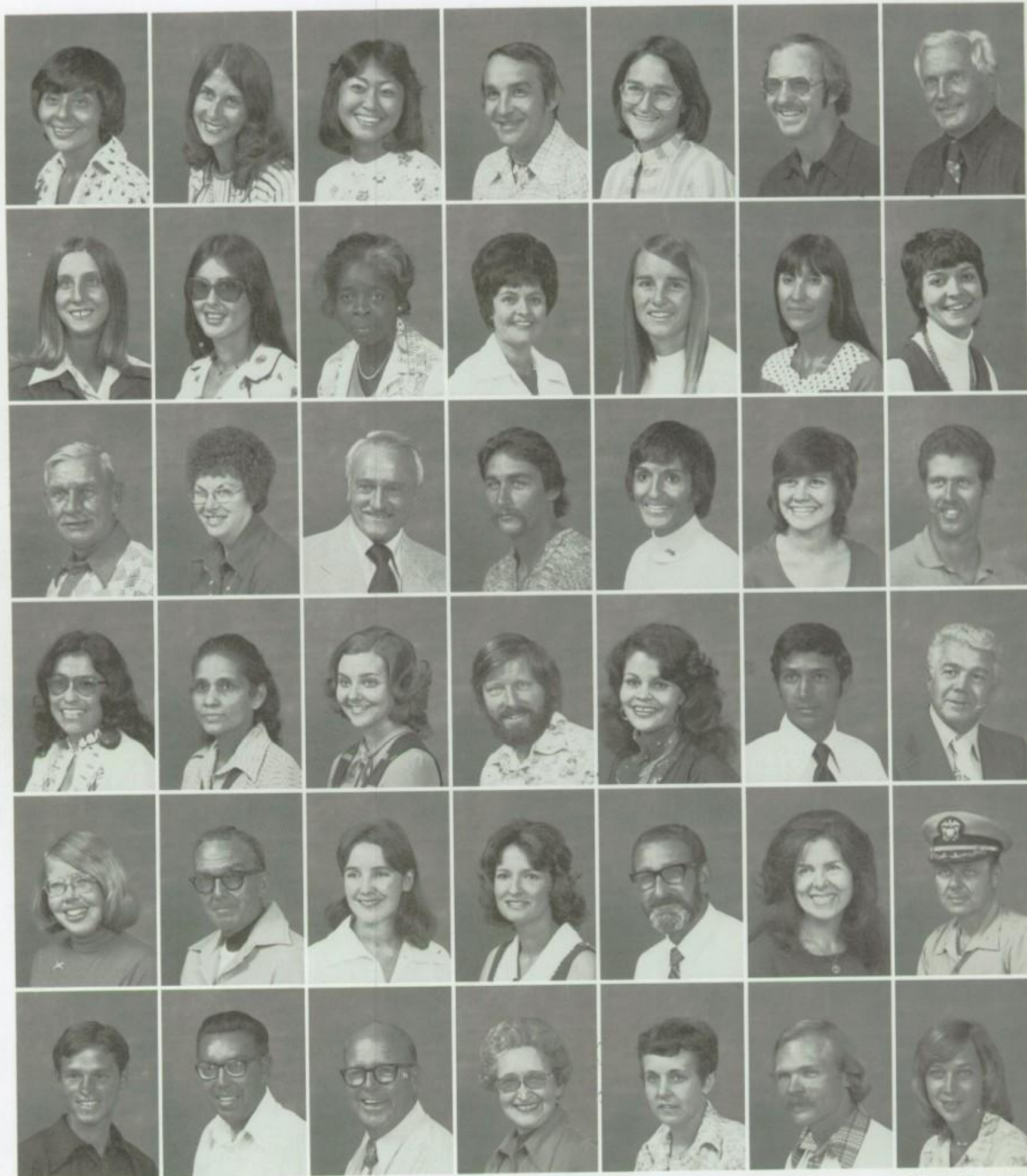
Social Studies

This year the Social Studies Department is teaching their students the achievements of man as well as the mistakes of man.

The department utilizes guest speakers and students have seen such artifacts as pre-historic skulls and Indian pottery. Mrs. Betty Waugh is department chairman.



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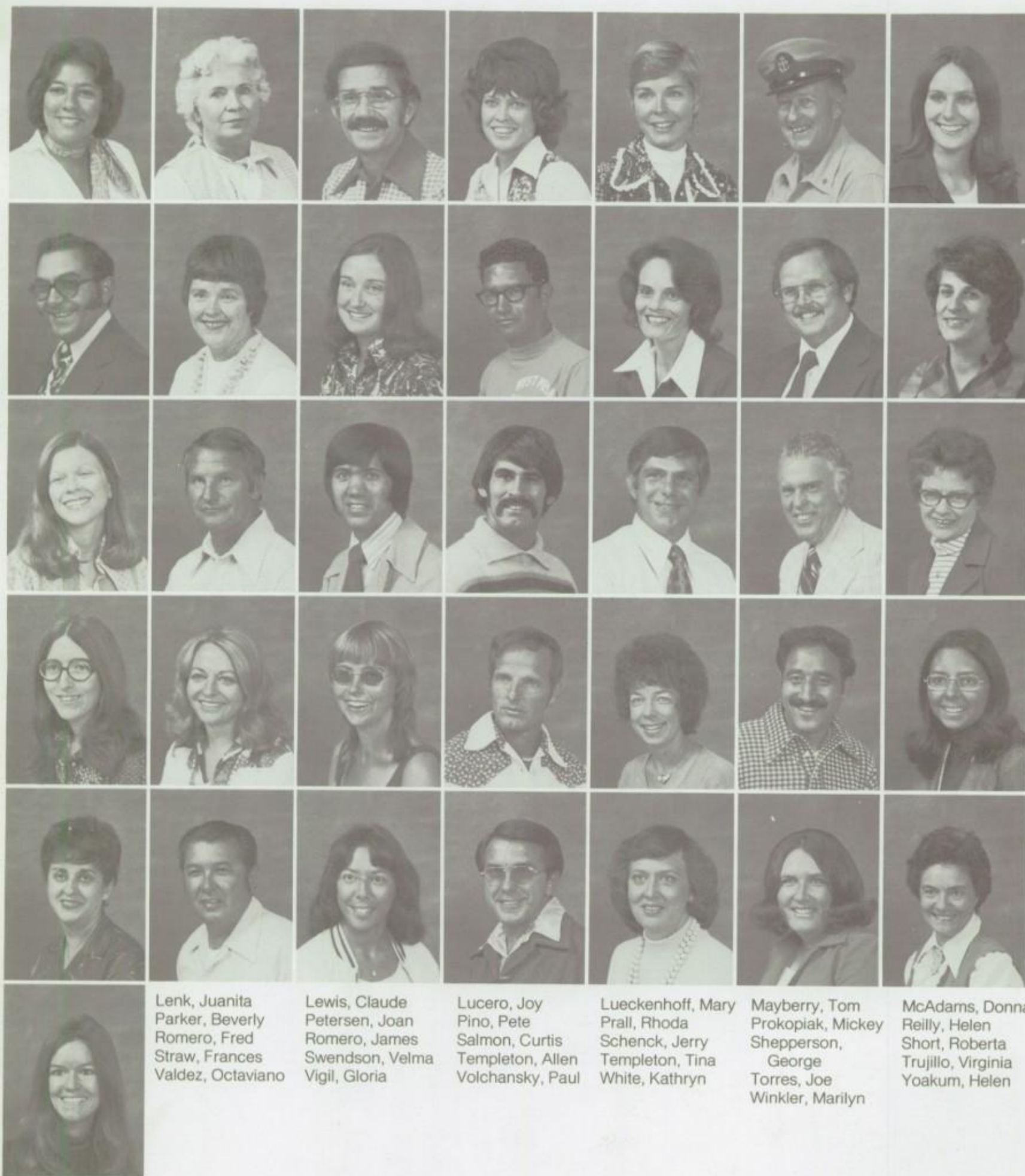
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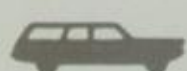
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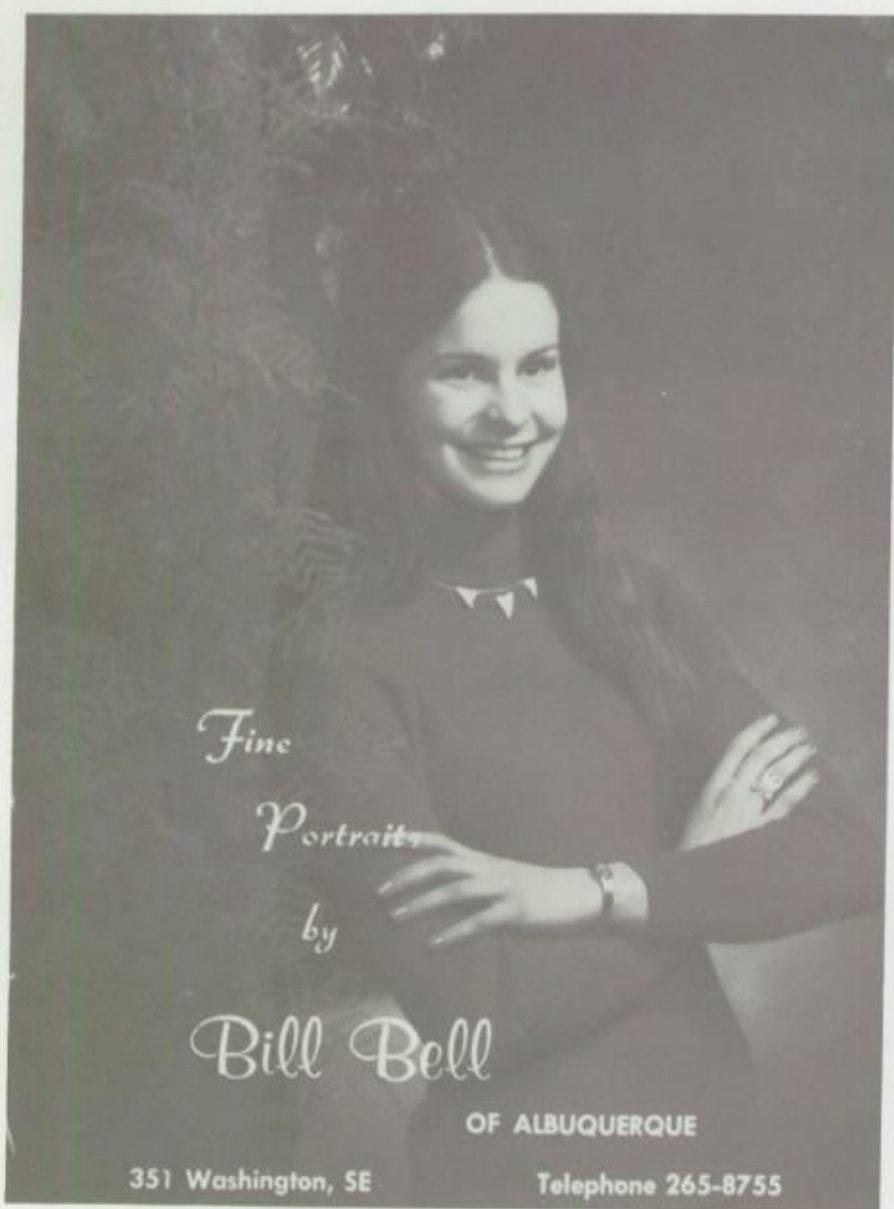
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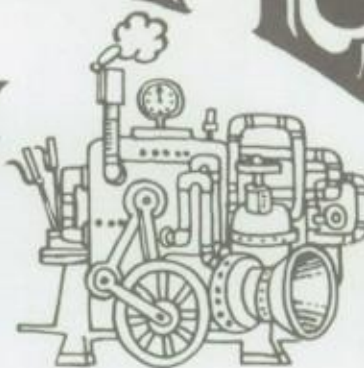


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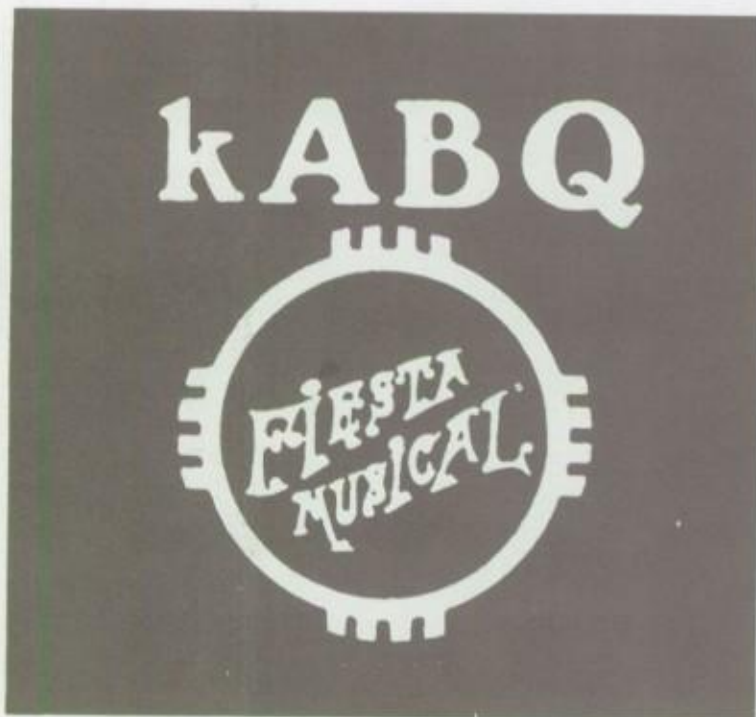
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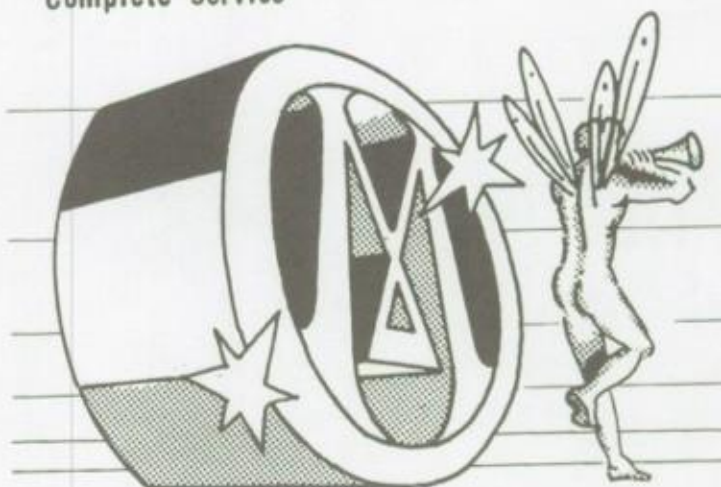
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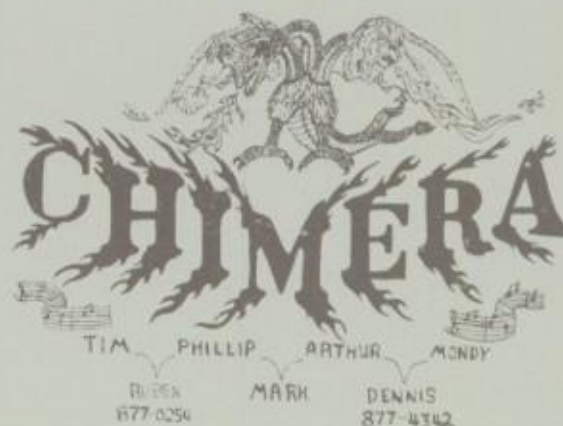
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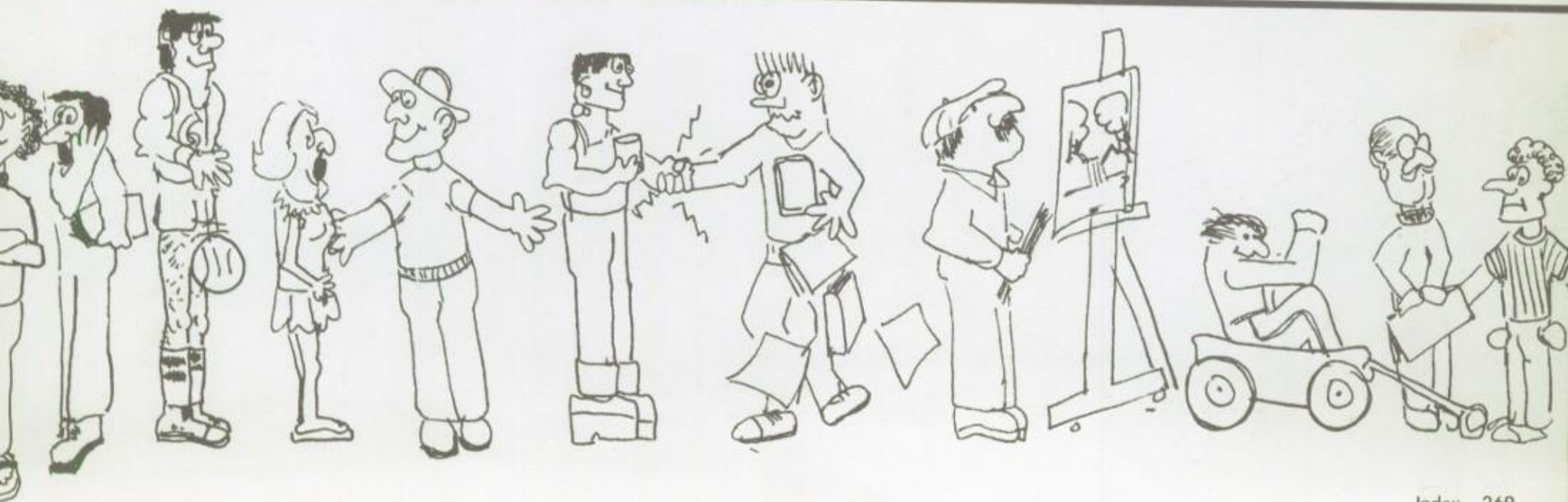
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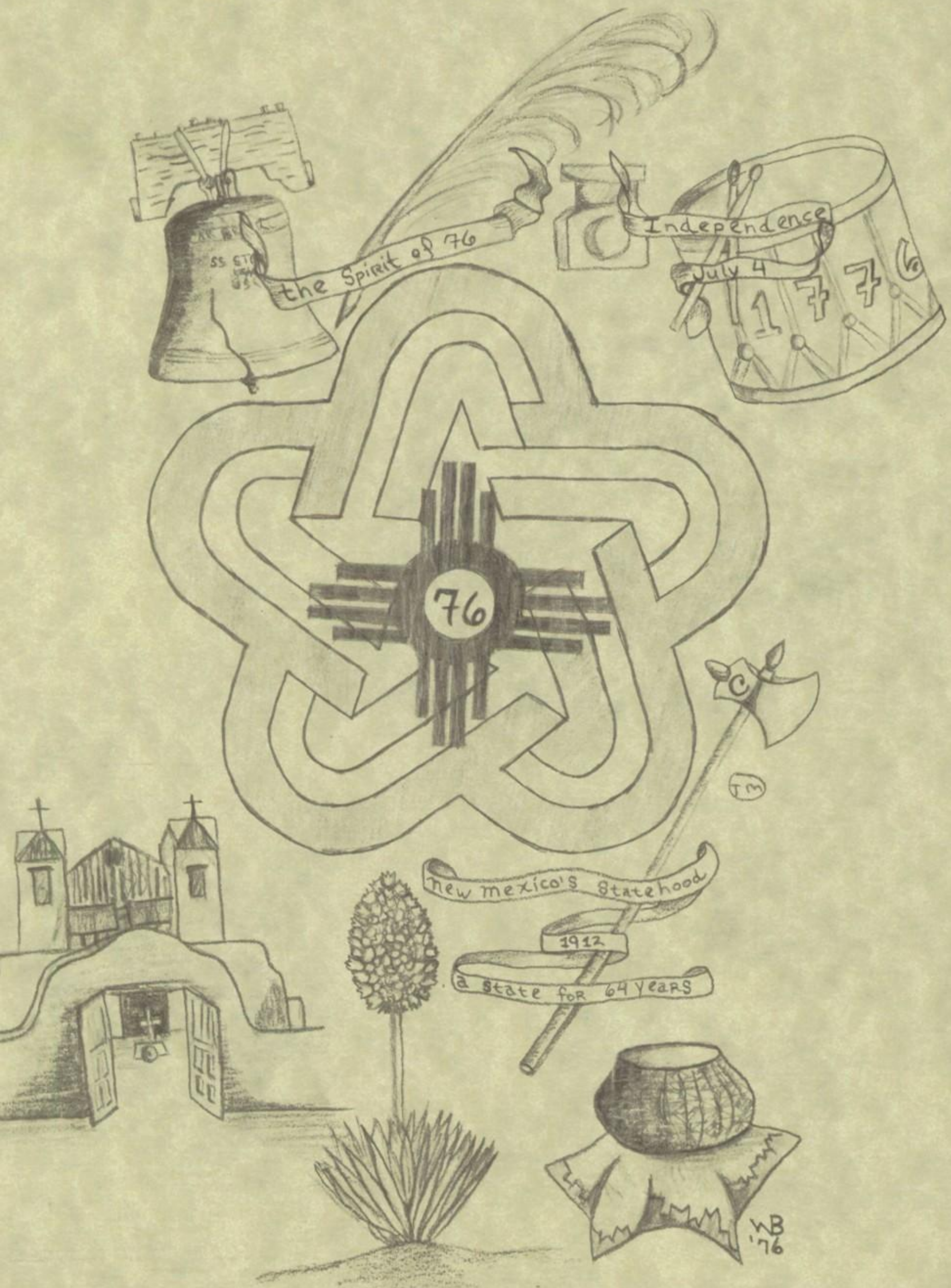
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Looking Through



cover design: First place winner,
yearbook art contest
Will Ball, grade 12

The Windows Of The Past

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SENSES

Wake up to the world . . . Breathe
 Reach out and grab the sun . . . Touch
 Bring light into your soul . . . Feel
 Keep within reach of ones senses . . . Hold
 Worship with a fullness of heart . . . See
 Attend to your fellow men . . . Care
 Listen to the unknown silence . . . Hear
 Pay all that you owe . . . Give
 Keep an open mind to all . . . Think
 Keep hope in all your thoughts . . . Dream
 Give loving words of kindness and praise . . . Speak
 Give your heart to someone to hold . . . Love
 These things shape, mold, and make you . . . Believe.

Jean Torres, grade 12, third place, yearbook writing contest

Marquette Hall
 "We should strive to make '76' a year of giving to others rather than taking and a year for the good of all."

Activities: Band 3 years, Squad leader, Secretary 2 years, Cheerleader 2 years, West Mesa variety show 2 years, Girls track, G.S.C., 4-H 4 years, 4-H State and District contests (Speeches), Singing at Nursing homes (Church work), cheerleading clinic for young girls 2 years, 4-H club president, secretary, treasurer, sewing and food contests, Who's Who in American High Schools.



Michael Mizusawa — Who's Who

"We've come a long way baby, but we're not getting older we're getting better."

Activities: Freshman Student Council Representative 1972-1973, Sophomore Student Council Representative 1973-1974, B-team track 1973-1974, President of West Mesa Chapter of National Honor Society 1975-76, Executive Committee in Honor Society.



Mark Blea — Who's Who

"Bicentennial . . . it's a once in a lifetime."

Activities: Chosen for Salute to Albuquerque Teenagers, 1 year tutor, 2 years Student Council, 2 years in Los Estudiantes Unidos, Vice-President of Junior Class, President of Staters, Attended Boys' State, elected City Councilman and State Supreme Court Justice, 2 years Yearbook, Sports Editor and Business Manager, Chairman of Homecoming, member of Junior Counseling, Master of Ceremonies for Homecoming, on Bicentennial Committee, Student Council Workshop, Socorro, State Student Council convention, Gallup. Summer League Baseball, Albuquerque Boys Club, Assistant Coach for a team at Boys' Club, Volunteer for Muscular Dystrophy.



Jerry Platero

Popular Spanish Surnames Explained

Chances are you either are related to or have a friend with one of the following three Spanish names. This trio comprises some of the most popular last names at West Mesa High School. How they came to be, follows:

Baca

The correct spelling of this family name is "Vaca," but "Baca" has come into common usage. After the reconquest, "Baca" was accepted as the correct spelling. The family name Baca came from the name "Cabeza de Vaca." The full name was never used in New Mexico. However some people use "C De Baca." But the family name Baca is widely spread throughout New Mexico.

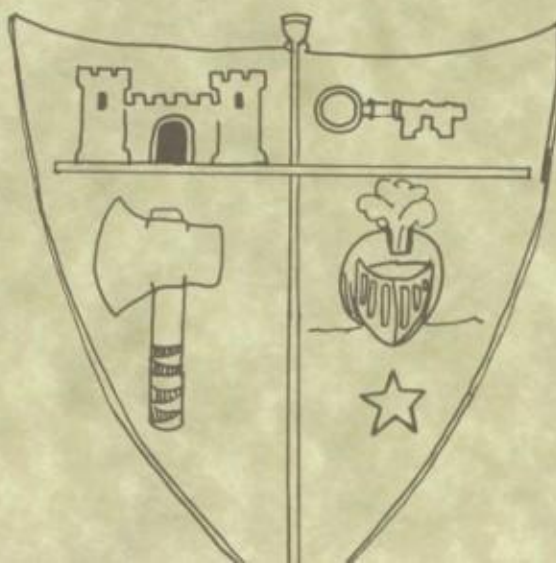
Chavez

The name "Chavez" is an old Spanish and Portuguese word for "Keys." The correct spelling for this family name is "Chaves." It came from a poet named Zapata de Chaves. It was first given to two brothers named Ruiz who were knighted for wresting the Portuguese town of Chaves from the Moors in 1160. The coat-of-arms of the five keys was bestowed on them.

Garcia

Garcia is one of the most common and popular Spanish surnames. The Garcias are the most numerous of all old Spanish descendents. The correct way to spell this family name is with an accent mark over the "i," which not very many people do (García). The first Garcia appeared in the 16th century. Some of the first Garcias were Garcia Holgado, Garcia de Nariega, Garcia de la Rivo, Garcia Jurado and Garcia de la Mora. By the end of the 17th century almost all the Garcia's had dropped the second surname.

by Debbie Garcia
El Chicote Staff





Carla Del Frate — Who's Who

"In a short 200 years we have become the most powerful democracy in the world since the beginning of time."

Activities: Girls sports, lettered 4 years in cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track and field, Girls Sports Club — Historian and Treasurer, National Honor Society.

Bill Culler — Who's Who

"It's a chance to realize how lucky we are to have freedom."

Activities: Football team, Member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), participated in State Fair and State Judging Contests, attended National (FFA) convention in Kansas City, Missouri, attended state FFA convention in Las Cruces, District 1 Leadership contest (FFA), placed 1st in creed contest and 2nd in Public Speaking, voted Star Greenhand for WM Chapter (FFA), elected Chapter officer, National Honor Society, Rodeo Club.

Jerry Platero, grade 11, second place, yearbook art contest

Editor's Bicentennial View

The idea of a Bicentennial celebration for this country is a good one. After all it isn't every day that a country has been around for two hundred years. But as in many things, we have become too commercialized for this celebration to have a true impact upon our lives. The large sums of money being poured into this "celebration" could be put to far more urgent and necessary good.

This great land of ours is only recently coming out of an economic crisis which has affected all of us to some extent. Granted we are improving, gradually, but many members of the population are still unemployed.

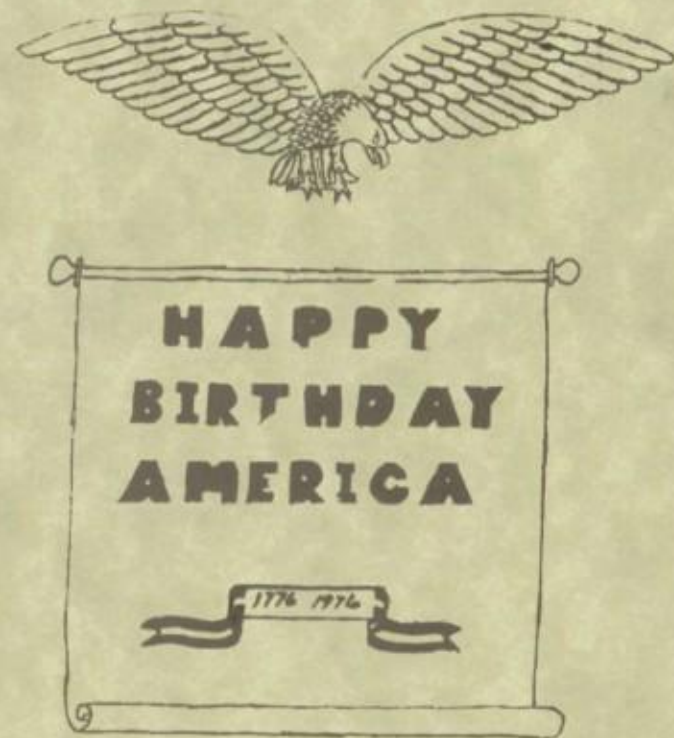
Conservation is also a major area that could be dealt with more effectively than it has in the past by receiving some of the money spent on Bicentennial. This land of such beauty and serenity may soon be no more if we continue to allow gross negligence of our natural resources. The tranquility of our lakes and streams will be enjoyed by no one if we allow pollution of any kind to continue. For a polluted environment cannot support life.

With so many problems facing us, we should stop and think.

Are we becoming too commercialized?

We would like our Bicentennial Celebration to have more impact upon the nation as a whole. It should be remembered as a time when our forefathers fought for our liberation and a time when they sought to make this land prosperous for one and all. So shouldn't we have those same ideals now? And in keeping with those ideals set out to find answers to our questions so that future generations will continue to make this country great. Everytime we see the Bicentennial symbol let us forget the glitter and glamour that opportunists are promoting, and remember our responsibility to our unique and valuable state as well as to our nation.

Charlotte Lujan, Editor



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Therese Holguin — Who's Who

"America's future lies in its youth; and I am a product of the 1976 Bicentennial graduating class, a member of future America."

Activities: G.S.C. Honor Award for Outstanding Junior Athlete and Outstanding Softball Player, Girls Sports Club 4 years, Vice President as a Junior and Senior, National Honor Society 2 years, Staters Club 1 year, Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball, Mustang of the Month for Mustang World Senior year, all-district and all-regional teams for Volleyball Tournaments, Chosen for Salute to Albuquerque Managers.



Warning To All Afro Americans

We got it together before it was
too late. We were on time to
Educate
Liberate
and get our stuff straight.
We got dogged around long enough
the last 200 years so . . .
Be Ya Black
Be Ya Proud
and have no fears
So Hey brothers and sisters
Stop shukin' and jivin' about the
things going down, cause if you don't like
it, stand up give a hand, cause we
can take the crown.
'Cause
We
Can
Take
The
Crown!

Yvette Warren, grade 9,
second place, yearbook
writing contest



Judith Sisneros





Quintin Stephens — Who's Who

"The Bicentennial is great! This country has reached 200 years going through good times and bad times; and hopefully will reach greater goals through the people who love and support it."

Activities: Treasurer — National Honor Society, Treasurer — Black Student Union, D.A.R. Citizens Award, Football, Basketball, and Track all 4 years, Variety Show, Concert Choir.



Jean Marie Torres — Who's Who

"Looking back at our past we hope to rediscover our future."

Activities: Girls' State, Vice-President, Staters Club, Tutors Club, President Health Careers Club, Vice-President National Health Careers Club, National Who's Who of American High School Students, Worked as an Audio-Visual and Library Aide, Mustang of the Month, Worked with elderly people and patients in hospitals, Secretary of Student Senate, certified in First-Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, Helped with the Blood Mobile, Represented West Mesa Health Careers in Santa Fe for Cooperative-Ed Convention, Church group.



Mr. Rex Funk



Carmen Dodie Chavez — Who's Who

"On July 4, 1776, our Nation was born. Now, in 1976, 200 years later, by the Grace of God, may it be only the spring of our Nation's History."

Activities: Freshman yr. — Participant in the Southwest Drama Festival at UNM, trophy for "Best Walk-On" for the role as "The Best hustler," special award Best-All-Around Helper in Drama first one ever awarded, Sophomore yr., leading role in major production — "Take Her; She's Mine," president of Thespian Troupe 3076, certificate for Duo-Drama, Junior yr. Participant in the Southwest Drama Festival, "Storyteller" for the "Invisible Dragon," Participant in ENMU Drama Festival, won one of three best-acting awards given for role as Helen in "Let Me Hear You Whisper," President of Thespians Troupe 3076, was in Who's Who among American High School Students 1974-1975, Senior yr. — leading role "Ruth" in Blithe Spirit, Drama Festival for role of Claire in "Voices," President of Thespian Troupe 3076, worked on all Variety Shows, acted, directed, and stage managed many one-act plays, member of OEA, lighting Directed for the Drama Department.

Samuel Nelson — Who's Who

"The early English-Americans had pride, courage, and leadership ability. With these qualities, they declared independence in 1776. In 200 years, America has become a contender to be the richest and most-powerful nation in the world. In 200 more years, who knows?"

Activities: Varsity Cross-Country 3 yrs., varsity track 3 yrs., Native-American Image President Sr. year, member National Honor Society senior year, two awards in sports: Team Morale for Cross-Country (74-75), Most Dedicated Cross-Country (75-76), nominated for West Point Leadership Award, Mustang of the Month for February '76, Community Service Award of Cañoncito, June 20, 1974.





Brian Aloysius Caffrey — Who's Who

"We the unwilling, led by the unknowing, are doing the impossible, for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little, we are now qualified to do anything with nothing."

Activities: Freshman football, basketball, C-Team and B-Team basketball as a Sophomore, Varsity basketball as Junior and Senior, member National Honor Society, Executive Committee of West Mesa Honor Society, Worked with kids in basketball program at St. Mary's Jr. High.



America, The Gem Of All Nations

Oh say can you see
The land of the true
by the dawns early bright
Where we live anew.

What so proudly we hailed
Our Country's tis of thee
At the twilights last gleaming
Sweet land of Liberty.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
The shrine of each Patriot's devotions
through the perilous fight
on neighboring oceans.

O'er the ramparts we watched
mandates making heroes assemble
were so gallantly streaming
Our Liberty making tyranny tremble.

The rockets red glare
Land where my fathers died
The bombs bursting in air
Land of the Pilgrims Pride.

Gave proof through the night
when born by the red, white, and blue,
That our flag was still there
when born by the red, white, and blue.

Oh Say does that Star-Spangled Banner
Protect us by thy might
O'er the land of the free
And the brave American light?



Jean Torres, grade 12,
first place yearbook
writing contest



Larry Gallegos — Who's Who

"200 years later all of us are all still fighting and struggling for independence. Maybe a different kind of independence than in 1776, but the feeling of unity, pride, and love is still here."

Activities: Band 3 years, Stage Band 1 year, Freshman Class Council, Student Council, Jr. Class Council, Fellowship of Christian Students, Sophomore Class Council, Los Estudiantes Unidos, L.E.U. representative in Social Council, Staters, Delegate to Youth Leadership Conference in Las Cruces, Student Senate, Homecoming Dance Chairman, Voting delegate to District and State Student Councils, Bicentennial Committee, Vice-President of Los Estudiantes Unidos, L.E.U. of the Month (Jan. 75), worked with physically and mentally handicapped children and adults, played guitar and sang for various church groups.

Berlinda Barela — Who's Who

"200 years of Freedom . . . 200 years of Pride."

Activities: Freshman yr.: Girls Intramural Softball, Girls volleyball, "A" league women and city softball (Albuquerque Spades), Member of Girls Sports Club, lettered in volleyball. Sophomore year: Girls varsity volleyball, G.S.C. member and Vice-President, outstanding service award G.S.C., outstanding award Volleyball setter, "A" League Women's Softball, lettered in volleyball. Junior yr.: city league volleyball, Girls Volleyball President of G.S.C., Girls Softball team, "A" League Women's softball, Social Council, Delegate to Girls' State, lettered in Volleyball and Softball. Senior yr.: city league Volleyball, Girls Volleyball (Co-Captain), National Honor Society, Staters Club, Student Senator, President G.S.C., Co-Editor of the Mustang World, women's "A" League Softball, Who's Who Among American High School Students.



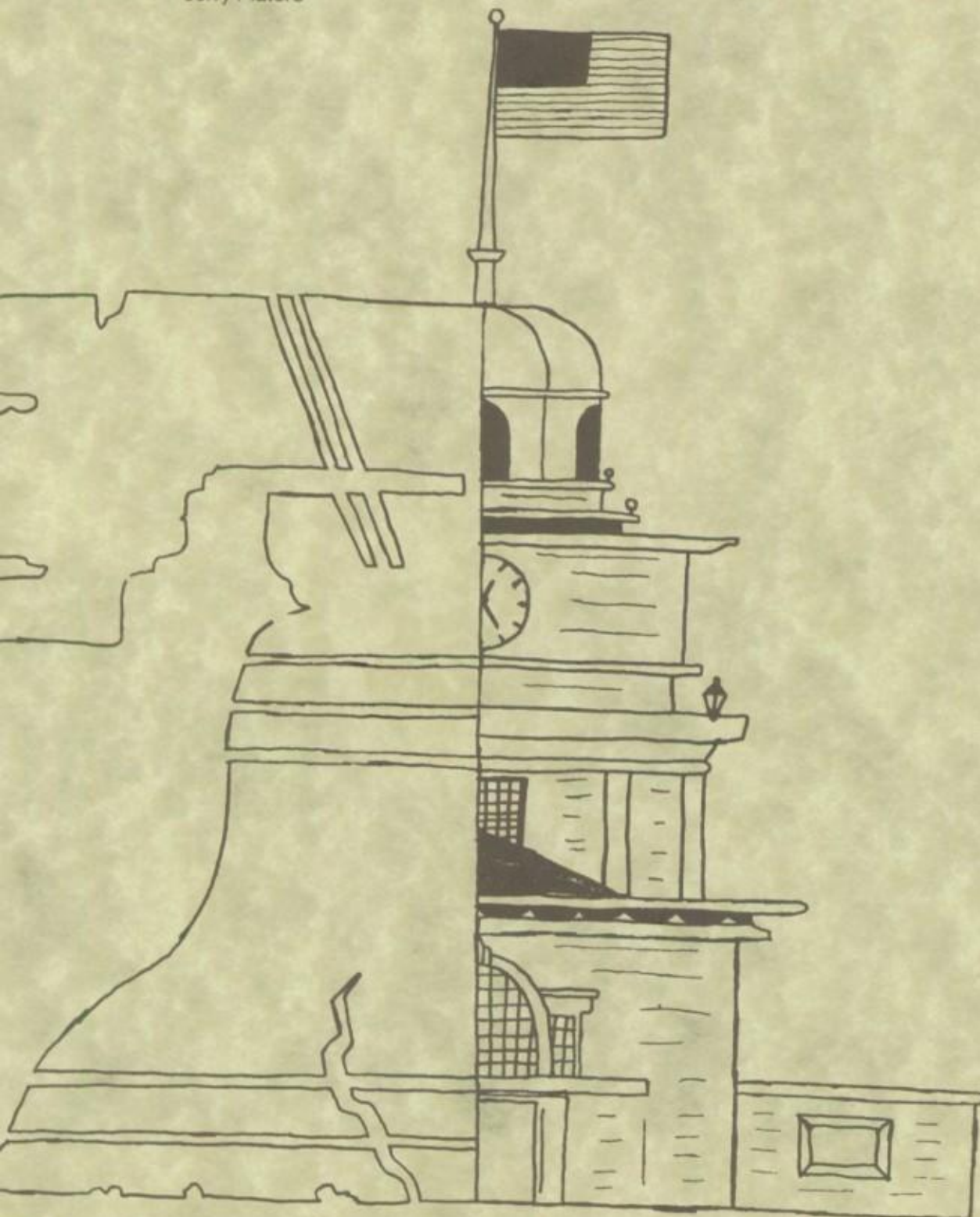
Historical Calendar Of New Mexico

- 1536 — Cabeza De Vaca reaches New Mexico region.
- 1598 — Oñate establishes a temporary camp at San Juan de los Caballeros. Within a few months, he moves his headquarters across the Rio Grande to San Gabriel, founding the first European settlement in New Mexico.
- 1610 — Santa Fe becomes the capital of New Mexico, and the Governor's Palace is built.
- 1680 — Popé, a San Juan Indian living in Taos, leads the pueblos in revolt against the Spanish and successfully takes control of the Governor's Palace using it as their headquarters for the next 12 years.
- 1692 — De Vargas enters into New Mexico reclaiming the territory for Spain. New Mexico belongs to Spain till 1821. During this time Albuquerque and Santa Cruz are founded.
- 1848 — Area occupied by New Mexico joined to the United States with the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
- 1850 — Congress makes the area of New Mexico a territory and the United States pays Texas \$10 million to relinquish its claim to the eastern half of New Mexico.
- 1878 — 2,204 miles of railroad track laid through New Mexico from the Colorado boundary to Raton.
- 1912 — New Mexico becomes the 47th State.
- 1945 — First atomic bomb explodes at White Sands.

Pauline Lovato
Source: Encyclopedia Britannica



Jerry Platero



Ed Groves, grade 11,
third place,
yearbook art contest

E.G.



Lawrence Large — Who's Who
 "The true 'American Spirit' lies in the individual. Once he ceases to care so does our spirit and faith in our country and those who run it."

Activities: 1st yr. (FFA) Greenhand Secretary, took part in State Fair judging contests District and State, 3rd place in Poultry Judging District 1, helped in Casa Angelica food drive, Class Council Representative, 2nd yr.: Chapter Farmer class sentinel, 3rd place District in Poultry and Crop judging, 2nd place District Greenhand Quiz contest, Vice-President Parliamentary Procedure Team, demonstration in Santa Fe to Parliamentarians State-wide, 1st place team at District and 6th place State, Attended Las Cruces Convention, addressed convention hall "The American Flag: A Symbol of Pride" State Livestock judging contest, Poultry, Crops, State quiz contest, Casa Angelica food drive, 3rd yr.: President FFA, Attended National convention Kansas City Missouri, State Fair Red Barn, State Fair, District, and State judging contests, Poultry and Crops contests, 4th place Crops State FFA convention, re-elected President, 4th yr.: Student Senate, NMASC Student Council State Convention, Rodeo Club, Honor Roll.

Crista Leona Garcia — Who's Who

"May man's goal for unity be accomplished in this year of our Lord, 1976."

Activities: Drama all 4 years, participation in 15 plays, participation in theatre festivals throughout New Mexico including ENMU, UNM, and NMSU, directed a 1 act play in Junior yr., also received the award for "Best Actress" for the role of "Miss Moray" in "Let Me Hear You Whisper," Excellent Acting Award in Portales for the role of an old lady in "Capricious Pearls," modeling for Dillards, dancer in 2 variety shows, Senior yr.: assistant director of a play for U.N.M. festival and won \$250.00 scholarship, M.C. for the language promotion day at Truman Middle School and John Adams.



You And Me

I really don't care
 if it is me;
 but child of mine
 I'll be there
 when it is you.
 Make me laugh.
 Hurt with me and cry.
 There will always be
 a way for both of us
 to share Love
 for it is yours and
 it is mine. To
 give to each
 other . . . we will
 find a way to
 ask of each other
 the love that
 is our own and
 Love our Laughs
 and cry our tears
 Because . . . we will
 Always Be One.



Steve Lucero, grade 11,
 third place, yearbook writing
 contest



Mr. Rex Funk



Jerry Platero

NEW LOOK AT OLD LAND GRANTS

What's become of the Spanish Land Grant property in this area? Here is a report on a portion of it.

Westland Development Co., Inc. is the successor to the Atrisco Land Grant and the town of Atrisco. The first part of the land constituting the Atrisco Land Grant was granted by the kingdom of Spain prior to 1680. During the Indian Rebellion in New Mexico in 1680 Sergeant Major Pedro Duran y Chavez was considered to be the owner. New Mexico was reconquered in 1692 by Don Diego de Vargas. With him was Captain Don Fernando Duran y Chavez. Historical documents dated October 28, 1692, reflected a reinvestment of title to the first part of the land inhabitants and settlers of the Community of Atrisco. In 1768 the land between the west boundary of the original grant on the east, and the Rio Puerco on the west, was granted by the Governor and Captain General of New Mexico to the then residents of the community land grant, and was owned by the people who lived on the grant.

The Territorial Legislature of the Territory of New Mexico in 1891 enacted legislation which a procedure by which the owner of a community land grant could organize themselves into a corporate entity which would own and manage the grant. The people who were owners of the Atrisco Land Grant became "Incorporators" of a corporate entity known as the "Town of Atrisco."

In July 1967 the owners of the Town of Atrisco Community Land Grant Corporation converted into a business corporation called Westland Development Co., Inc. The purpose of the corporation is to issue shares of stock to the owners of the Town of Atrisco Community Land Grant Corporation.

Debbie Garcia
Source: Westland Development Co.,
Inc. information pamphlet





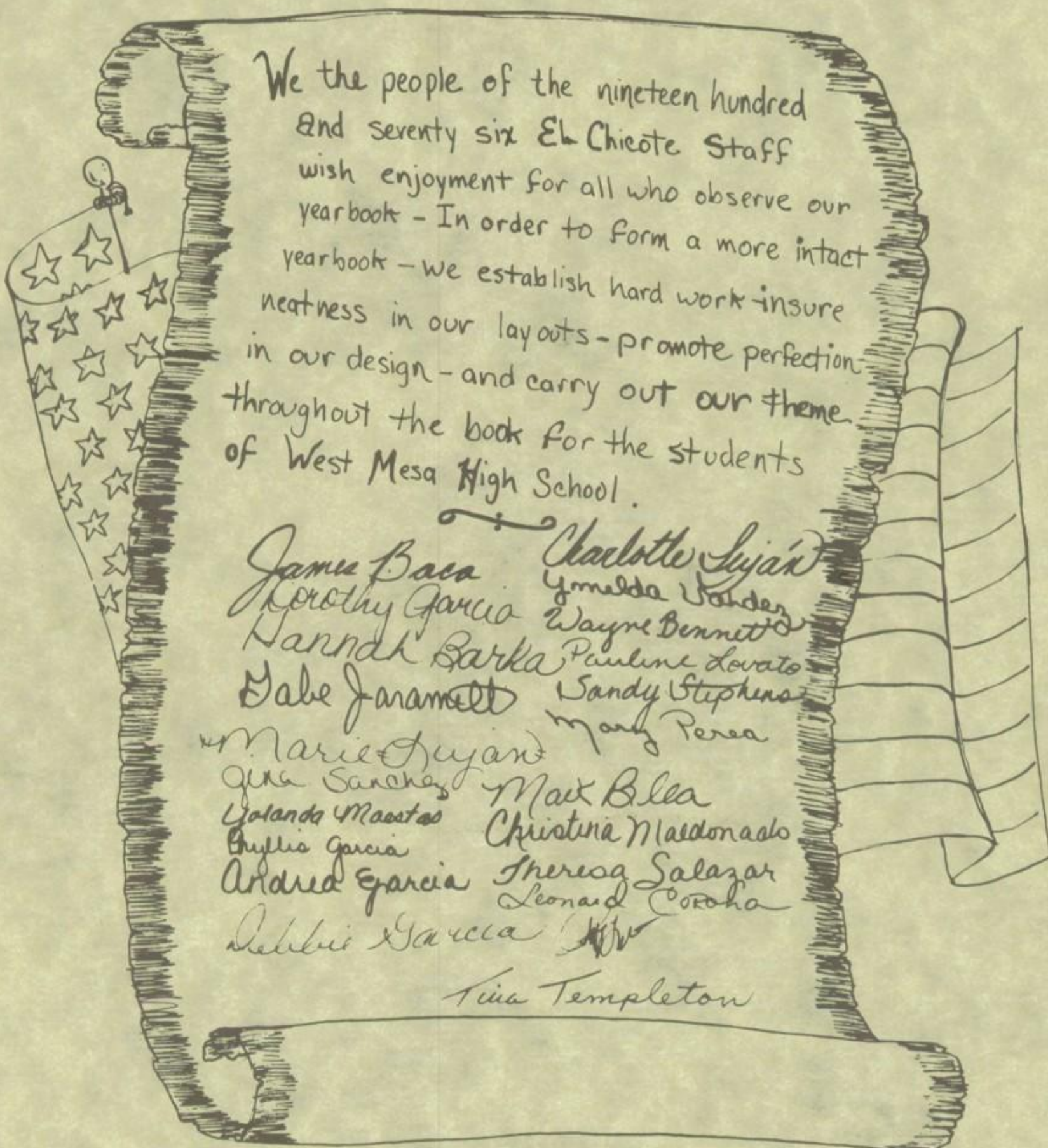
What we learn
When we look
Through life's windows
Is Truth . . .

About our past,
Our present, and
Our future.

And that
There will always be
More windows.



. . . *And there will be windows*



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and seventy six El Chicote Staff
wish enjoyment for all who observe our
yearbook - In order to form a more intact
yearbook - we establish hard work - insure
neatness in our layouts - promote perfection
in our design - and carry out our theme
throughout the book for the students
of West Mesa High School.

James Baca Charlotte Lujan
Kerithy Garcia Ymelda Valdez
Nannak Barba Wayne Bennett
Dabe Jaramelt Pauline Levato
Marie Lujan Sandy Stephens
Gina Sanchez Mary Perea
Yolanda Maestas Mark Bilea
Bryllis Garcia Christina Maldonado
Andrea Garcia Theresa Salazar
Lebbie Garcia Leonard Corcha
Tina Templeton

